



a natural state

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**Video 6: Bentwood Trellis – A. Cutting Support**

Today, we going to do a trellis, so I'm going to select the base for my trellis. This is the part that is going to go into the ground, so you want a steady piece. You want a piece that is going to hold your wings that you are going to make the trellis, so, so what I do is, I select this piece and I clean it off. (Video shows Jimmie clipping of larger knobs from the branch with a clippers, then donning gloves.) You can either, you can either use gloves, what I do... but a lot of times I like to feel what I am doing but you can take the gloves and kind of clean it off to kind of make it look pretty, you know... and the willow is pretty flexible and you can sort of straighten it out. If its got a little bend in it, you can straighten it out. If you want it, say, seven feet tall or eight feet tall, you just select that length, then you just cut it off. And I use pruning shears. Pruning shears is what I use mostly when I'm doing this kind of work. So, just cut it off, like that and kind of clean it up. (Video shows Jimmie clipping the end to smooth it off.) Clean up both ends. That looks pretty easy, doesn't it?