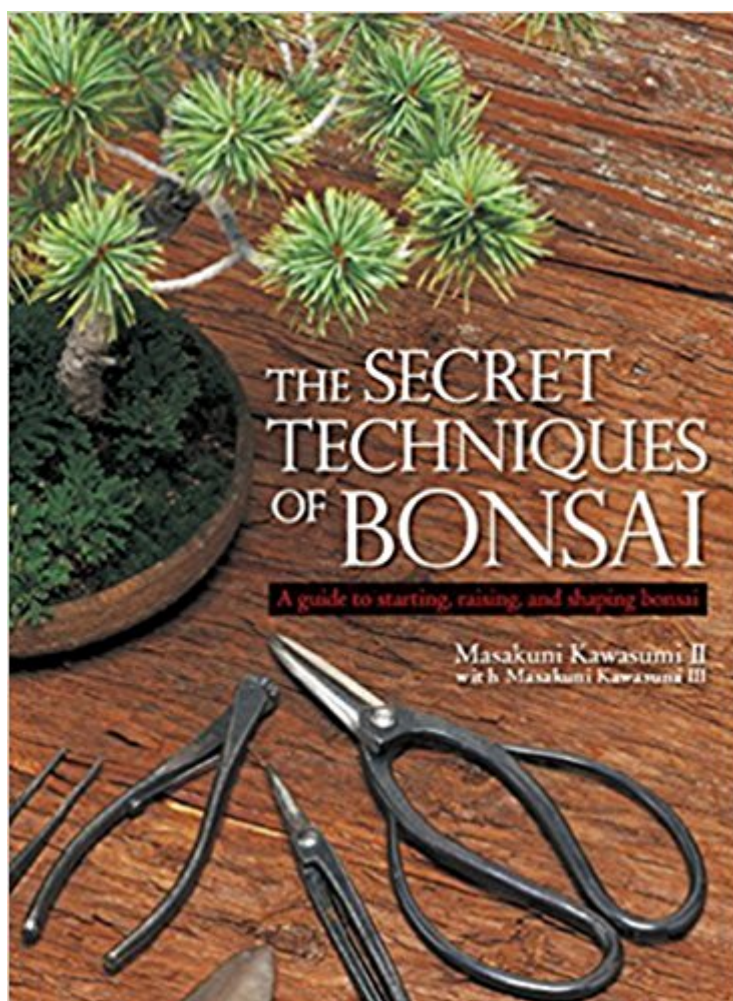


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# The Secret Techniques Of Bonsai: A Guide To Starting, Raising, And Shaping Bonsai



## Synopsis

In *The Secret Techniques of Bonsai*, the author of the groundbreaking *Bonsai With American Trees* teams up with his son to offer not only the basics for creating perfect bonsai, but also secret techniques they've developed over years of careful work and observation. The Kawasumis provide detailed, easy-to-follow information about growing bonsai from seedlings or beginner plants; expert advice on shaping, pruning, training, grafting and repotting trees; and new techniques for using tools. And, although the Kawasumi family is worldrenowned for their bonsai tool design, their instructions allow gardeners to improvise with other readily-accessible bonsai, gardening or even simple workshop tools. Step-by-step photographs accompany the text, many in full-color. Masakuni Kawasumi III, the first qualified tree doctor for bonsai in Japan, contributes his unique insights to make this an invaluable resource for beginners and experienced enthusiasts alike.

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"Incorporating advice from his son, a tree doctor, the author teaches how to produce splendid specimens." -The Washington Post

MASAKUNI KAWASUMI II worked in the family bonsai business for decades, designing his own tools and cultivating bonsai on a professional level. He took over the business in 1950. Masakuni II is credited with popularizing bonsai around the world. For his work in tool making, he was awarded a Yellow Ribbon Medal by the Japanese Government in 1993. In 1996, he established the Masakuni Museum of Cutting Tools and Industrial Tools near Tokyo. When his father died in 2002, MASAKUNI KAWASUMI III took over the business, which he runs today while continuing his

research in the cultivation and care of bonsai.

PERFECT JUST WHAT I WANTED

It was perfect and my dad loved it!

Excellent beginners set

what a beautifully illustrated book with very explicit instructions for growing your own bonsai. he now has a garden and started two olive trees from seed.

Here's the positive: Whatever limited information is discussed in this book, at least it is discussed well. And the not so positive: I wished the book has more extensive information/ discussion about specific trees and bonsai techniques. But for USD20, you get what you paid for.

Well is not a bad book, it has a lot of info about bonsai trees. However, is written in a way.... let's say is a page turner, the only thing is that there will not be more information in next page. Explanations are short and the author does not develop or expand on the concepts or ideas. This book will not give you step by step instructions but instead an overview of the basics and techniques.

Bonsai is a difficult practice, that is no lie. But with a clear and concise guide, you have an effective reference tool to fall back on when taking on this hobby. This is that guide. I actually purchased it for somebody already familiar with bonsai, but this book helped improve her skills and offers some great advanced tips on pruning and shaping your tree. Great step-by-step photos, too. Not necessarily for the true beginner, in my opinion.

I'm just starting with Bonsai so was looking for details. Nice pieces of the puzzles but not enough to be the only book you have.

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