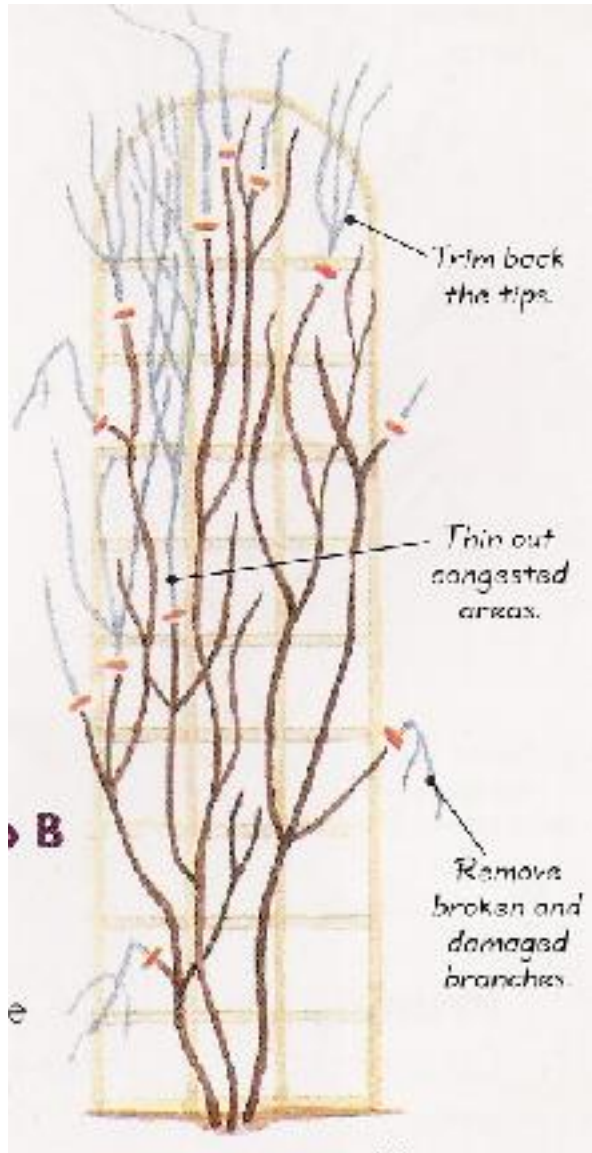


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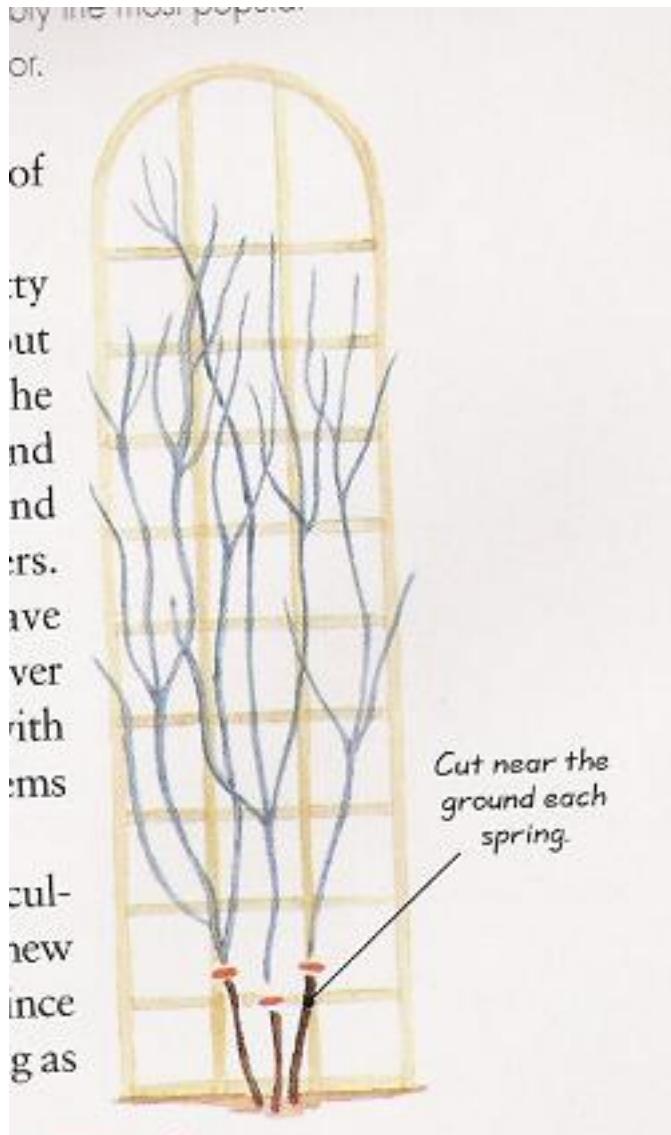
Technique 1

The plant will produce flowers on the old growth, therefore, pruning must not be done until right after all flowering has been completed. Remove all dead and weak stems. Large established plants over 15 feet tall are usually not pruned. After pruning, new growth begins, this being the stems for next year's flowers.

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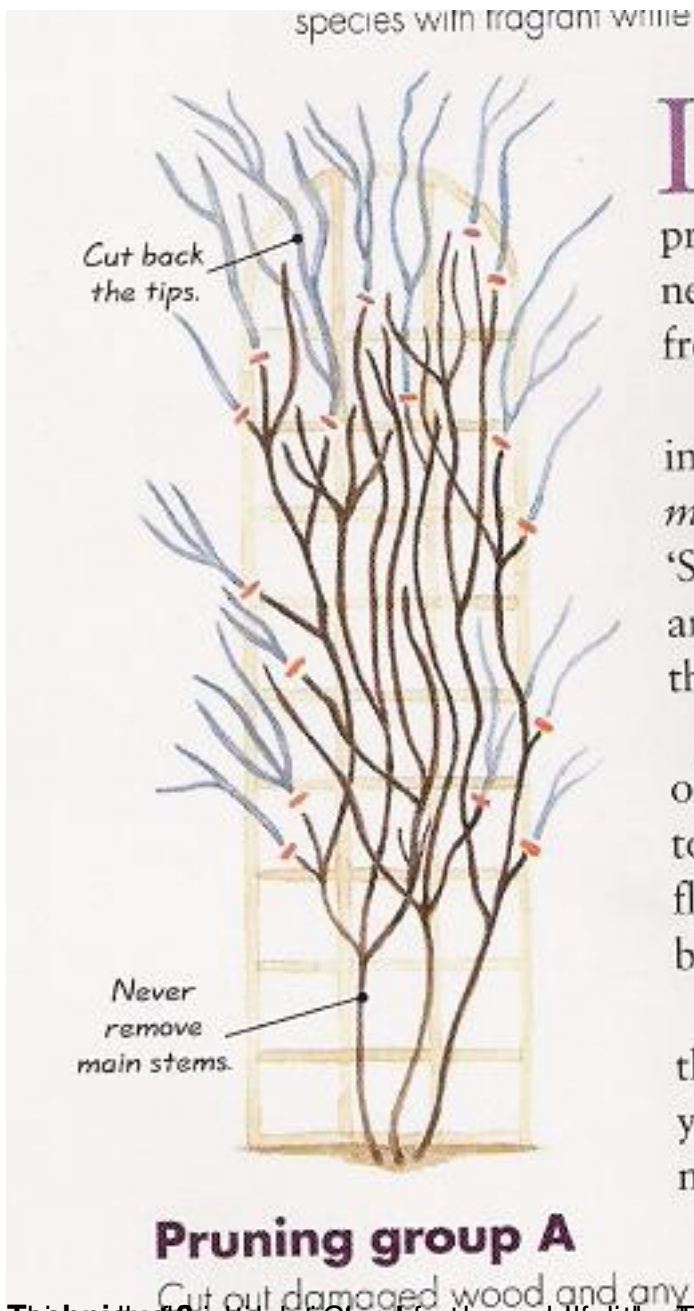


Begin by cutting the stems to the ground level. Cut the stems to the ground level each spring.

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The clematis plants in this group lead to new growth from the base of the plant. They should be pruned in late winter or early spring, before the plants start to grow. Pruning should be done to remove any dead or damaged wood and to shape the plant. The plants in this group are usually trained over a trellis or support.