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Dear Customer,

Thank you for ordering from Blackmoor Nurseries. We trust you will be pleased with your plants and by following our growing guide below we hope you have many years of success with them. Our plants have been professionally grown on our Nursery with the correct attention to nutrients, and pest and disease control. They are despatched in good condition ready to establish and thrive in your garden for many years to come.

Please unpack and inspect your plants immediately on arrival.

CARE GUIDE FOR FIGS

Figs need warmth and sun and so are best grown as fan-trained trees against south or south-west facing walls or fences. In very favourable areas they can be grown as freestanding bush trees. Therefore choose a well-sheltered spot, which is exposed to the sun and plant 4-5 m (12-15 ft) apart. If grown against a wall it should be planted approximately 25cm (10in) away from the wall to avoid it being in a rain shadow.

The traditional method of planting is to construct a fig pit measuring 60 cm x 60 cm x 60 cm (2 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft). This can be constructed of 60cm x 60cm (2ft x 2ft) square paving slabs or something similar which are set into the ground with the rim about 2.5cm (1in) above ground level. The base of the pit should be packed with brick rubble or broken tiles to a depth of approximately 22cm (9in) to provide drainage and to prevent the roots escaping.

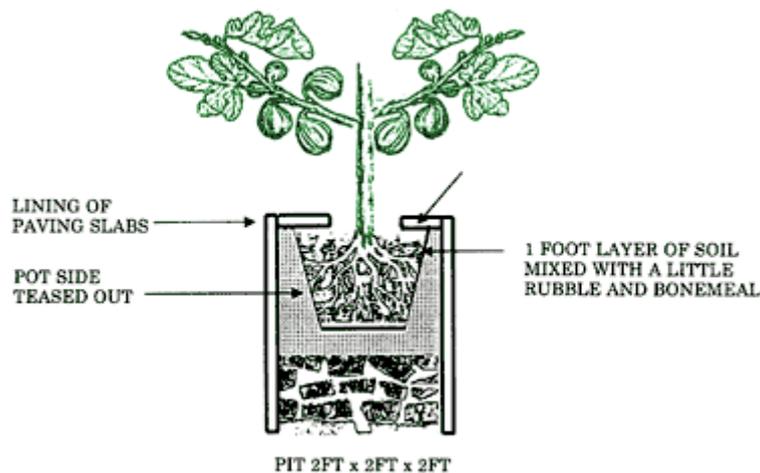


FIG 3 FIG (PIT)

The pit should be filled with a loam based potting compost such as John Innes No 3.

Alternatively a pot of 35-45cm (14-18in) diameter can be used and plunged into the ground – provided it has adequate drainage holes. Crock it well and again use a loam based potting compost such as John Innes No 3. Repotting of pot grown figs will be necessary every 2-3 years – do this in late winter.

This guide is for general information purposes only as site and soil conditions and requirements vary greatly.