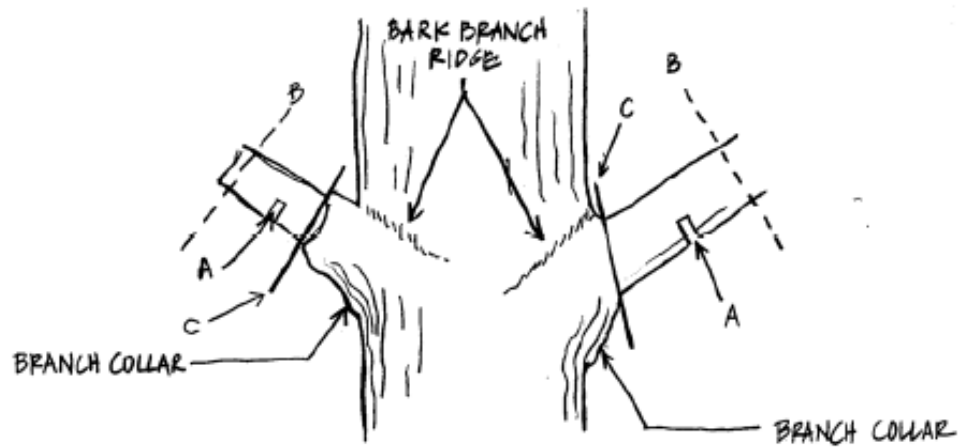# BASIC PRUNING STANDARDS

HARDWOOD

PRUNING PRINCIPLES FOR PRUNING LARGE BRANCHES

1. The first cut (A) undercuts the limb to prevent the bark from ripping down the tree.

2. The second cut (B) removes the limb.

3. The final cut (C) should be just outside the branch collar to remove the resulting stub.