



One of the characteristics of the leaves of the weeping willow is that its branches full of leaves hang down, even to the floor, to form many clusters in some points, which appear superimposed waterfalls. We start the extension of all these first leaves placing as many leaves as necessary, so they draw a gentle curve towards the ground. This construction is superimposed, so that the thickness of the leaves on each anchor grows horizontally and the leaves are added vertically.

The chains of leaves can be dropped almost to the ground, though this makes the work difficult, making it more convenient to leave the ones nearest to the ground for the end. Once all the anchors are all well-shaped tops with lots of leaves, we proceed with the lining of the main trunk, covering all the studs in the traditional way, putting more leaves on them. With the tree almost finished the most challenging part begins, which is to sculpt the final touches of all the crowns, so that each one of them looks very rounded and voluptuous, and the chains of leaves reach almost to the ground. As you add these last pieces, which are often difficult to access or are not securely fastened, some of the leaves you added previously may come off so the tree is constantly changing shape. With a little care and patience you can explore the myriad of possible combinations to achieve the desired look.

As can be seen, with this technique to anchor leaves we can build really leafy trees, without having to make them very large, but it requires a huge amount of leaves. Anyway, these willows are very showy and can be the perfect addition to a park or garden.

References:

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