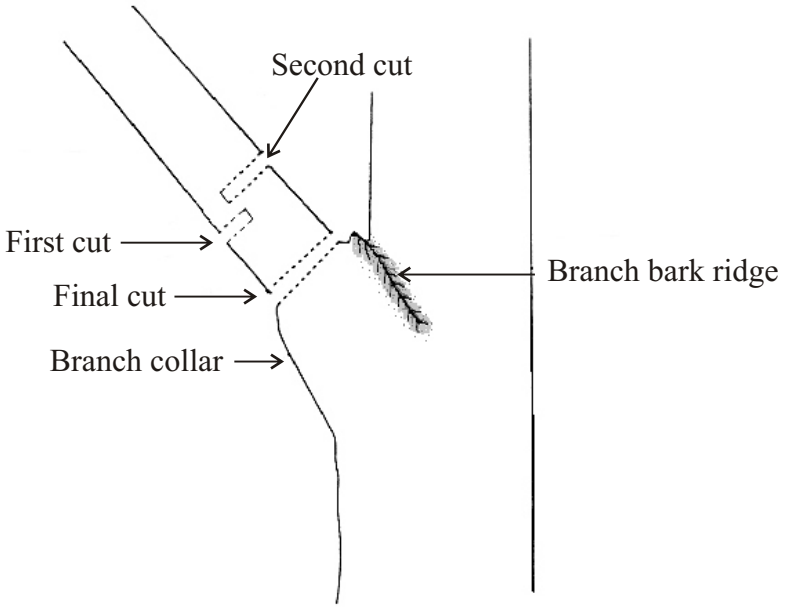
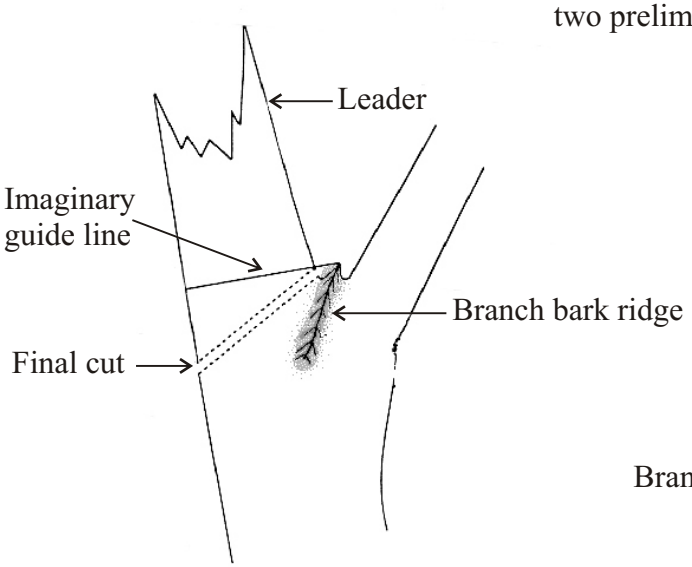
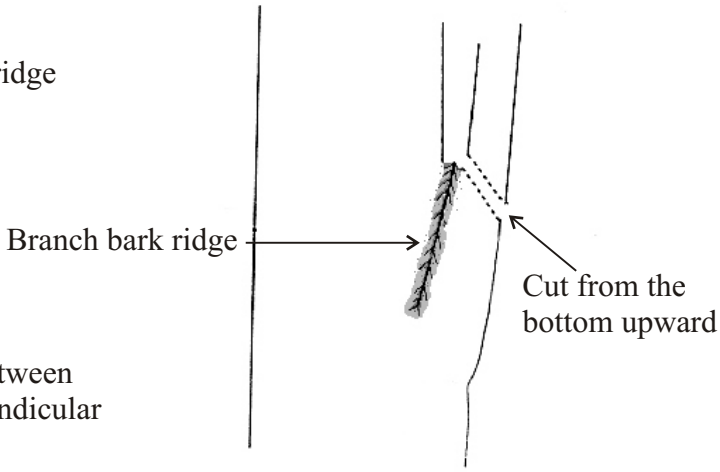


Removing a large lateral branch requires two preliminary cuts before the final cut



When cutting back to a lateral, bisect the angle between the branch bark ridge and an imaginary line perpendicular to the leader or branch being removed



When removing a branch with a narrow branch attachment, cut from the bottom upward

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