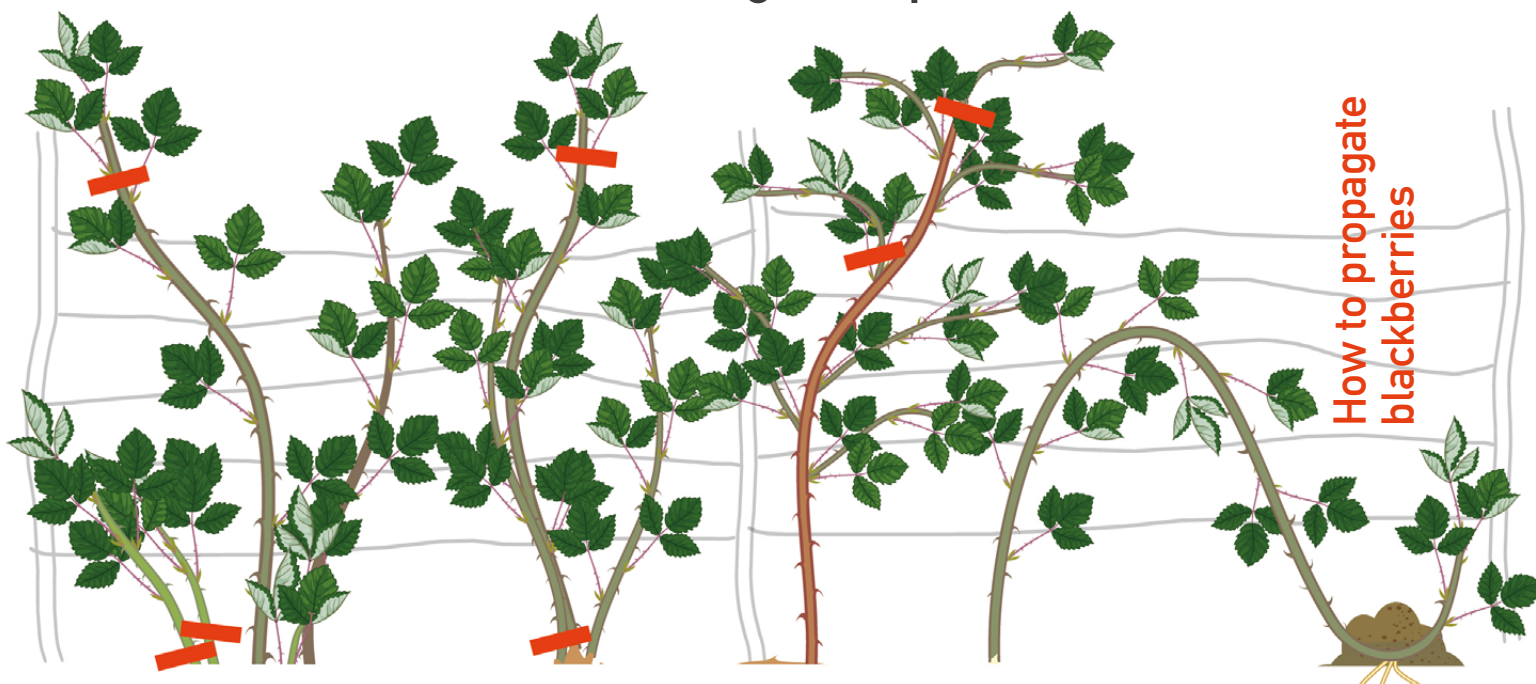


# The correct pruning of blackberries



For a rich harvest and a long-life span



**Former fruit shoots** These brown, dry stems carried fruits last year and don't show any new sprouts or flower buds.

**Fruit carrying stems** These green or reddish stems grew last year, show new sprouts and probably first initial flower buds

**Young stems** Fresh, green and often short and thin, these shoots don't build any flower buds and will not branch

**1. Step** Old shoots will be cut or sawn close to the ground level. Connections to the trellis will be removed.

**2. Step** New fruit carrying stems will be shortened so that they slightly overhang the trellis. Side shoots will be pruned back to approx. 30 cm to improve the fruit size. Finally, the stems will be fastened at the trellis.

**3. Step** Weak stems will be removed close to the ground level. Excess shoots will be reduced so that 4-6 strong stems will remain.