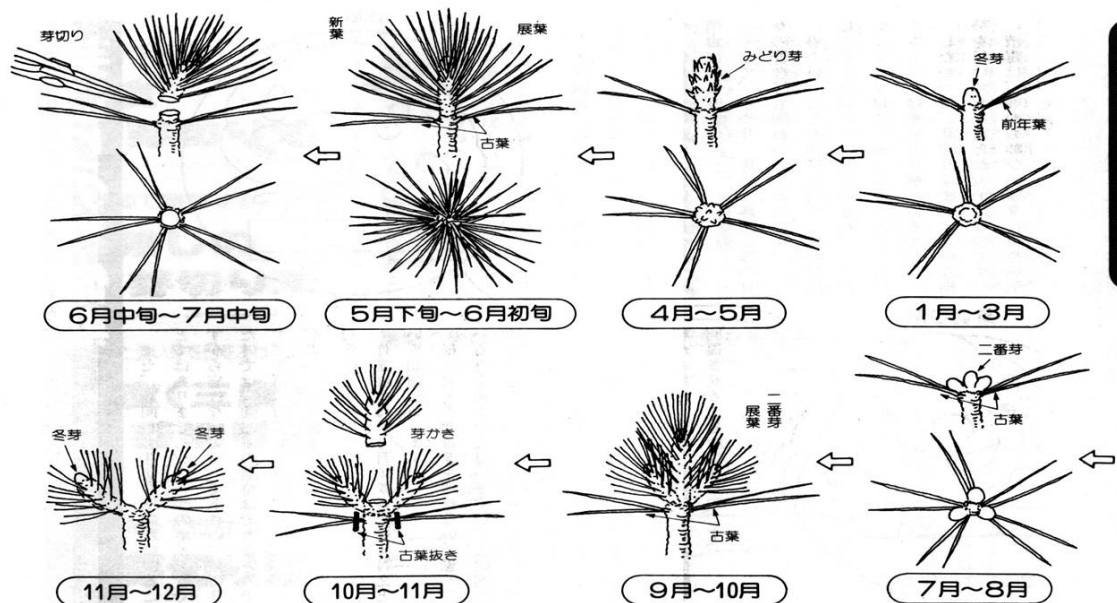


- BLACK PINE
- Pinch weakest candles first (inner/lower branches)
- A week later pinch intermediate candles
- another week later pinch strongest
- Gives weaker candles a head start, then an extra boost
- WHITE PINE
- Do the opposite of black pine, i.e. pinch strongest first
- Weakest ones aren't strong enough to take advantage of head start, they die back instead. However they gain strength while stronger ones are pinched

Black pine Magic: De-candling

- Start June 10-15 for longer needles and more strength next year
- Start June 25-30th for microscopically short needles
- Later you start, shorter the needles, but if you start too late (July) may not get new candles



Above months are read left to right. Decandling is in 6th month. Note that in 7-8th month, new small candles with short needles develop (how short depends on when in June you decandle -the later, the shorter, but the shorter the weaker the tree will be). In the 10-11th month, remove all the old spring needles, and reduce the number of new candles to two per tip. Next spring the process starts again.