# STANDARD TASK ANALYSIS FORM

**Duties/Task:**

G-23/24  Train/tip plants (e.g. raspberries, blackberries)

**Performance Standards (Observable & Measurable Criteria):**

1. Train new canes as they grow from the crown to attach to the trellis
2. Cut the tip of the main cane off to encourage lateral growth
3. Train new laterals as they grow to attach to the trellis

**Tools, Equipment, Supplies & Materials Needed:**

- Branch locks, hand pruners
- Hand pruners, hand/fingers, bucket to hold removed tips
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**Required Knowledge and Skills (Math, Science, & Language):**

1. Knowledge of raspberry or blackberry plant growth
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3. Knowledge of raspberry or blackberry plant growth

**Safety (Concerns):**

1. Wear long sleeves when training thorny varieties
2. Wear long sleeves when training thorny varieties
3. Wear long sleeves when training thorny varieties

**Worker Behaviors (Important to Worker Success):**

1. Knowledgeable, efficient, patient, persistent, dedicated
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3. Knowledgeable, efficient, patient, persistent, dedicated

**Decisions (Identify Decisions that Must be Made by the Worker):**

1. When do I train new canes? How often do I do this? How do I attach the canes with the branch locks?
2. How do I cut the tips (pinch vs. cut)? How much do I cut/pinch from the tips? How often do I do this?
3. When do I train new laterals? How often do I do this? How do I attach them to the trellis with the branch locks?

**Criteria (Identify the data needed for Making Correct Decisions):**

1. Time of year (usually summer as new canes grow), growth rate of plants, extension bulletins
2. Personal preference (cut vs. pinch), tipping standards for plant being tipped
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**Errors (Indicate what may result if incorrect decisions are made):**

1. New canes will grow uncontrolled which leads to lower yields and more difficulty pruning
2. Will not encourage lateral growth which will adversely yield
3. Laterals may sucker which will reduce yields

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**Specific Relevant References:**

- Extension bulletins
- Nourse nursery booklet
- Indiana Berry Co. publications