

# Guidance: Design techniques for forest management planning: practice guide

This guidance gives you a step-by-step approach to design techniques used in the forest management planning process. You can apply this guidance to the creation of new forests and woodlands – by planting or encouraging natural regeneration – and the management of existing forests and woodlands.

Although you'll find information on how to follow aspects of forest planning for small woods, this guidance mainly focuses on larger forest areas that involve more complex issues and need more time to programme woodland management activities.

The guidance is organised into sections covering:

- introduction and overview
- how to document your plans
- the process – scoping, survey, analysis, synthesis, implementation, monitoring, revision
- design techniques
- survey information – what to collect