

## FRUIT CAGE INSTRUCTIONS

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Fruit Cage Parts
Straight Tube 2.34m long
Corner Fixing
Centre Cross (not required on 2.5m wide cages)
Intermediate Joint
Ground Staples
Cable Ties
Side Netting
Top Netting
Door Frame
Door Posts
Door Hinge
Hinge Collar
Door Latch
Door Catch
Keyhole Clamp

## Introduction...

Before you begin to build, we strongly recommend you read the instructions thoroughly. Take time to check all the parts are present and make sure you have the correct tools to build your fruit cage.

## Recommended Tools...

Tape Measure, Marker Pen, Mallet/hammer, Block of Wood, Spirit Level, 13mm Spanner, 2 x 17mm Spanners, Secateurs/Scissors, Drill, Step Ladders

## Health and Safety...

Always wear gloves when constructing as there may be sharp edges.

Always use the correct tool for the job.

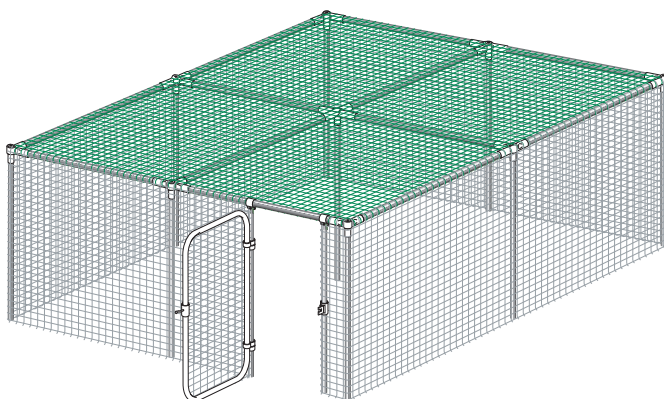
Consider other people around the site, particularly children and animals.

Take care when using sharp tools.

Keep your work area tidy and organised. A tidy work area is a safe work area.

When using ladders ensure they are on firm level ground.

It may be advisable to position step ladders on a large sheet of plywood if the ground is soft.



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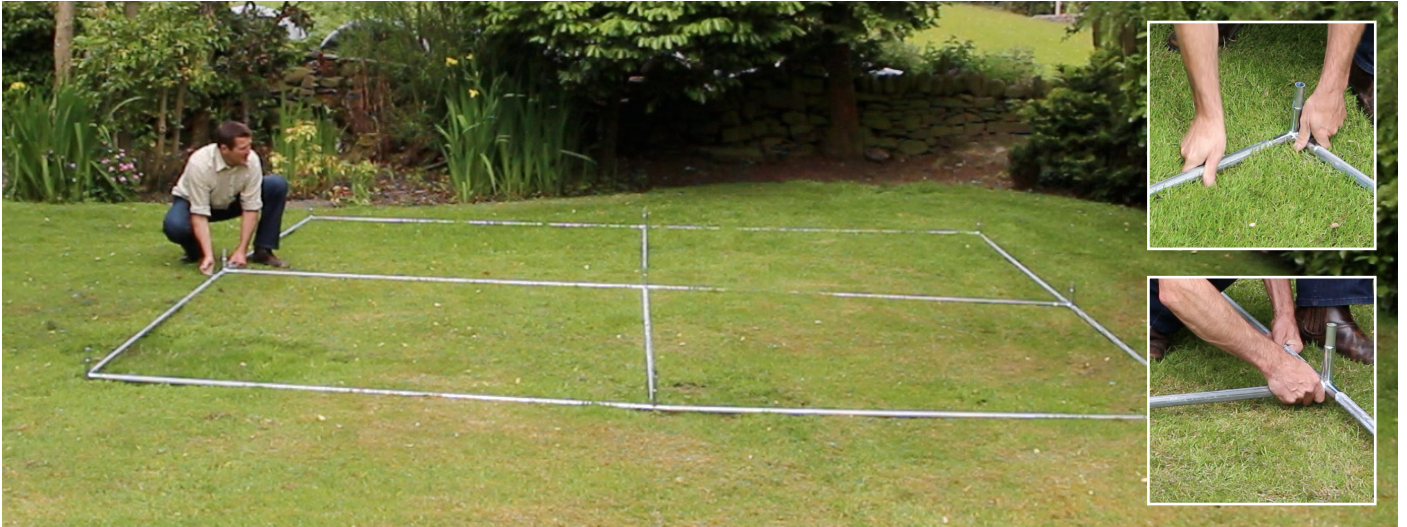
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## Constructing Fruit Cage Framework



Lay out the roof components on the ground as shown (each style of fruit cage is different so this will ensure you have the overall shape correct). This layout can then be used as a guide for the upright posts.



To assist in achieving the correct height, lay out the fruit cage posts (ensuring they are in-line), then using a tape measure mark at 1.9m.



Detach one of the corner fittings. Place the upright in its place. Re-fit the fitting to the top of the post.



Use a wooden block and mallet to drive the tube into the ground.



Check the post is level as it is going in. Continue until the mark you made is at ground level.



Once all your up-right posts are in place you can re-insert the roof poles



Insert a plastic bung into each corner fitting

## Constructing Fruit Cage Door



Slide two door hinges on one side and door latch on the opposite side. Fit sections of door together. In each corner drill a hole and secure with a self-tapping screw.



Slide one door post (with flattened end at top) through the first door hinge and add one hinge collar, continue to next hinge and add another collar then loosely tighten. At the point you wish to fix the door, clip keyhole brackets to frame.

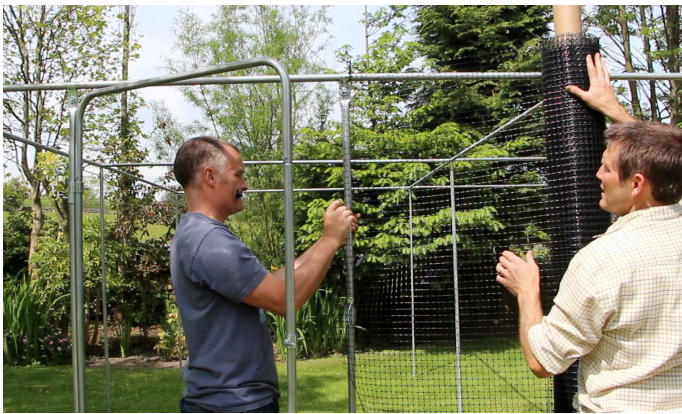


Push door post into ground, and secure to keyhole bracket (using two 17mm spanners) as shown above.



Place the door in the closed position to align the second door post. Slide door catch onto second door post and push into ground and secure to second keyhole bracket. Lift door into position and secure in place by tightening hinge collars.

## Fruit Cage Netting



Start at the right hand door post, secure netting with cable ties (approx. one at top and a further four on the post). Cut net around the door latch.



Roll out the netting around the cage, ensure you pull it tight and secure with cable ties as you go.



Once you reach the second door post cut and secure.

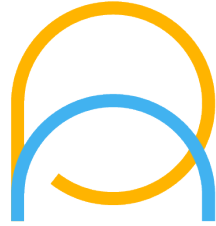
Pull top net over the whole cage, ensure equal amounts to each side.



Roll-up any excess net and secure with cable ties.

Finally secure at the base with ground pegs, approx. 2 per 2.5m section.





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### Top Fruit Cage Tip

It is strongly recommended that you roll back your top netting when snow is expected to protect against heavy-snow loading.