



Installation Instructions & Applications for Hardware Cloth

Hardware Cloth is designed with a square mesh, typically 1/8", 1/4", and 1/2". Hardware Cloth is a very versatile product which is used in a wide variety of applications. It is ideal for screen doors, 1/2" gutter guards, animal control, cages, tree guards, gardening, crafts, bee keeping, and more. It is galvanized for long life. 1/2" Hardware Cloth is also available PVC Coated Green.



Tools Recommended: Gloves, Side Cutters, Stapler, Staples, Wood Framework

Pet Containment

Smaller animals need a place to be safe and protected. Hardware Cloth provides for an excellent enclosure for your pet rabbit, hamster, lizard, or bird, to name a few. With just a few tools, you can construct a wooden frame pet enclosure. Hardware cloth can be used on the whole cage, or just on the bottom. To reduce cost, and maximize visibility, use the hardware cloth with the largest size mesh that will keep your pet, and its paws, inside safely.



Pest Control

While you can use hardware cloth to keep your pets in, you can also use hardware cloth to keep pests out, in particular under the porch. If you have dirt under an elevated porch, staple 1/4" hardware cloth under the floor of the porch. Dig around the perimeter and slide hardware cloth into the dig. Move the dirt back up and around the hardware cloth. A large animal would be able to press in, but most raccoons and skunks will likely find some where easier to enter.

Around the Garden

Separate top soil from rock sand sticks by making a sieve. Nail together 4 pieces of wood. Size can vary but a 2.5 foot square is easy for many people to hold. Staple 1/2" or 1/4" hardware cloth across the bottom of the frame. Tuck the sharp edges of the hardware cloth in before stapling. Remember it will get heavy when the mixed dirt is shoveled on top, so don't make it too big and be generous with staples.



Around a Tree

Protect young saplings by hammering in wood stakes and stapling hardware cloth around the outside about 1 foot circle around the trunk. Cut the hardware cloth so you can get a little more than fully around the area, and double staple the overlap into the last wood post.

Gutter Guards

For an inexpensive project that will save time next fall, cut hardware cloth length-wise, and tuck into the gutters in long narrow sheets. Use a gutter sheet metal rivet to keep the hardware cloth in place approximately every 4 feet. The smaller the gauge, the less likely seeds will drop in. For keeping leaves out, 1/2" mesh will be fine. Use green hardware cloth if you prefer the color and for extra rust protection.

Beehives

Everbilt Hardware Cloth comes in 1/8" mesh specifically for the honey trays in a beehive. Whether repairing an existing honey tray or making a beehive from scratch, the smallest mesh hardware cloth is the best choice.

