How to Cut Wire Netting

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Below you can find out how to cut wire netting with different tools depending on the thickness of the wire.

OVERVIEW

- **Estimated Completion Time:** 10 minutes
- **Experience Required:** Medium
- **Tools Required:** Protective Wear, Scissors / Wire Cutters / Tin Snips / Hacksaw / Bolt Cutter, Lineman's Pliers
- **Materials Required:** Wire Netting

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TOOL



- Before you start, make sure that you wear protective gear.
- Choosing the most suitable tool mainly depends on the diameter of the wire that you would like to shorten.

THIN WIRE: Scissors – Max. 0.21mm (35g)



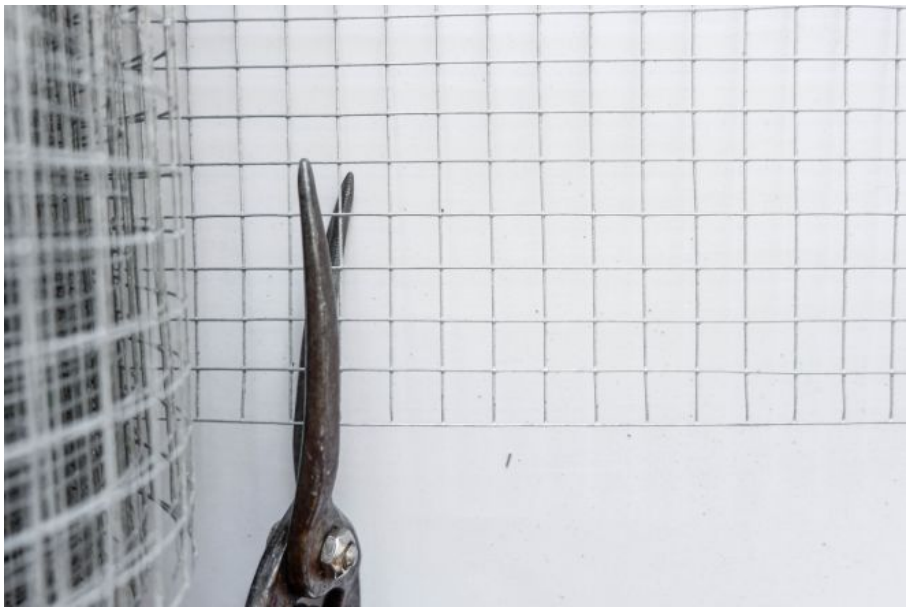
- Work with a partner so they can help you hold the mesh in place while you cut it.
- Use a pair of household scissors while pulling the separated part away from the roll.

MEDIUM WIRE: Wire Cutters – Max 1.2 mm (18g)



- Cut each strand of wire individually, as closely as possible to the weld points.
- While you are doing this, pull away the detached part of the mesh to avoid any injuries.

MEDIUM WIRE: Tin Snips – Max 1.2 mm (18g)



- If the wire clippers seem too daunting, you can use tin snips instead, as they have a longer edge so they get the job done quicker.
- Go close to the weld points and be precise as the snips might leave burrs.

THICK WIRE: Hacksaw – Max 5mm (6g)



- You can shorten netting with stronger wire using a hacksaw, however this is a longer process as you would have to saw through each wire strand individually.

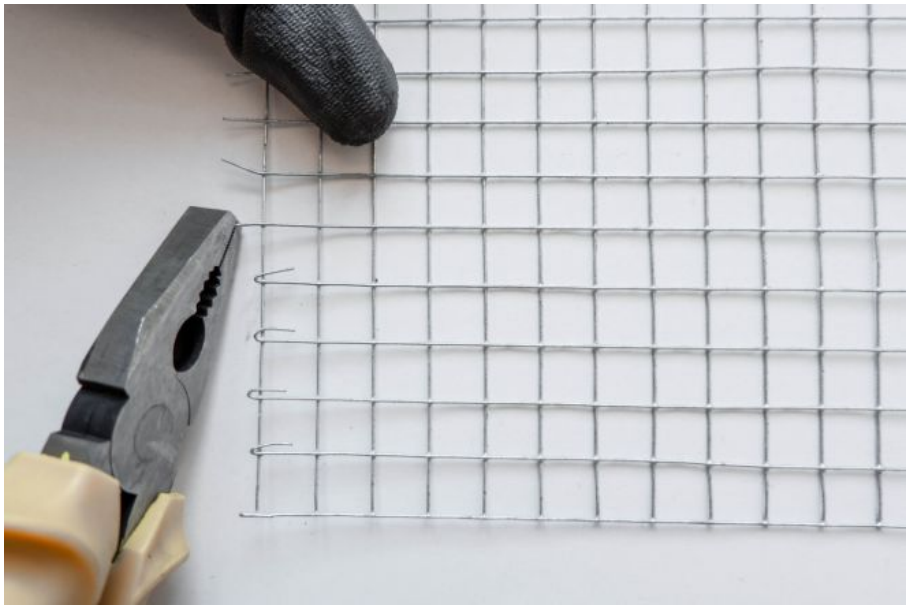
- Start at the top and make sure that you keep a straight line as you go down.

HEAVYWEIGHT WIRE: Bolt Cutter – Max 10mm (0g)



- The strongest wire mesh can be shortened with a bolt cutter, but this is also a longer process.
- Open the bolt cutter and lay one of its arms on the ground.
- Place the netting between its sharp edges and push the other handle down with force to snap the wire.

FOLD THE WIRES BACK



- It is advised to fold back the loose wire ends to avoid any injuries.
- Take a lineman's plier and fold the wires inwards so that they no longer poke out of the mesh.

VIDEO

Video: Watch the video on YouTube