DIY Tree Guard

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Below is a step by step guide to installing your DIY tree guard.



- **Experience Required:** Low
- **Tools Required:** Protective gloves, Hammer, Sledgehammer, Wire cutters or Bolt cutters
- **Materials Required:** Welded wire mesh, Wooden stakes, Staples

Step 1) Plan the Layout



- Measure the planting area to plan the layout of your DIY tree guard.
- Decide where the stakes should be positioned.
- Place one or two wooden stakes outside the root ball and planting hole.

Step 2) Install First Stake



- Start driving the stakes into the ground using a sledgehammer.

Step 3) Two Stakes



- Continue installing the second stake, making sure both are stable.

Step 4) Cut the Wire



- Unroll the wire mesh, measure and mark the required size, then cut it to fit.

Step 5) Position the Tree Guard



- To make your own tree guards, simply shape the edge by bending it by hand or around a round object.
- Place the tree guard around the tree in its final position.

Step 6) Staple to Wood



- Then fix the mesh to the stakes using staples and a hammer.

Step 7) Continue Stapling



- Continue stapling the mesh to the wooden stakes until you reach the bottom.

Step 8) Finished Project



- Your DIY tree guard is now ready to use.

Further Tips on How to Make a Tree Guard

- The most popular wire thickness is 1.6mm as it is flexible but holds its shape
- Shape the edge of the wire mesh by gently bending it by hand or around a rounded object.
- Measure the tree trunk to determine the correct diameter.
- Select the height according to the type of animal you need to protect the tree from.
- Most young trees only require a single stake, while taller or less stable trees may benefit from two stakes for added support.
- For a quicker and simpler installation, you can use a ready-made tree guard instead.
- Alternatively, use metal or plastic posts if wooden stakes are not available. We sell metal T Posts, which would work well for this job.

FURTHER READING

- How to Cut Wire Netting – A guide to cutting wire netting correctly.
- How to Attach Welded Mesh to Different Posts and Materials – Learn how to attach welded mesh to different types of posts.
- How to Install a Wire Mesh Fence – Step-by-step instructions for installing a wire mesh fence.

VIDEO

Video: Watch the video on YouTube

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This blog was created by Timi with the help of Erno, and Gyopi, who installed the tree guard. Take a look at some behind-the-scenes images below.

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Erno and Gyopi installing a the DIY tree guard while Timi is recording every step of the process.

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The tree guard is starting to take shape.