DIY Frame With Chicken Wire for Pictures

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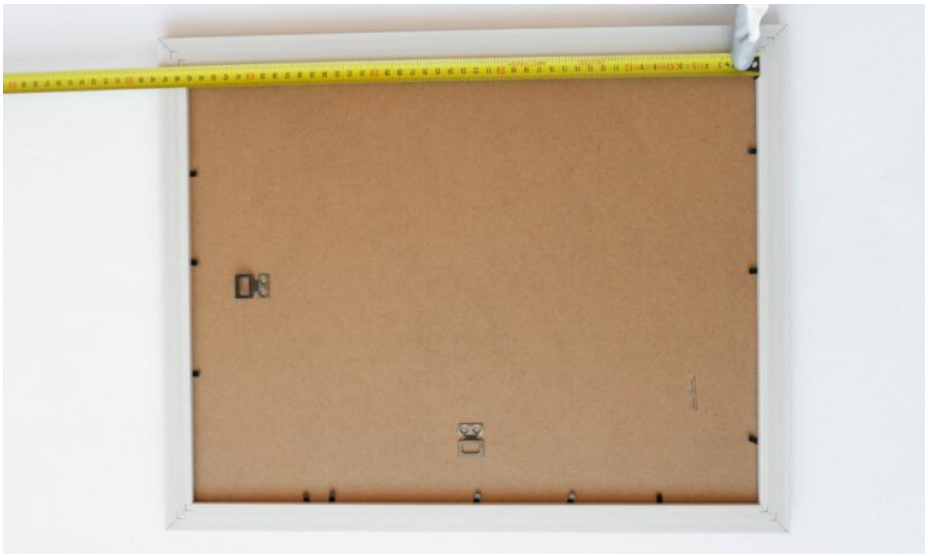
This step by step guide will help you create a frame with chicken wire for pictures.



OVERVIEW

- **Estimated Completion Time:** ~3 hours
- **Experience Required:** Low
- **Tools Required:** Staple Gun, Wire Cutters, Pliers, Sandpaper, Tape Measure
- **Materials Required:** Chicken Wire, Frame, Paint, Packing Tape, Fabric (optional)

STEP 1) Measure Up



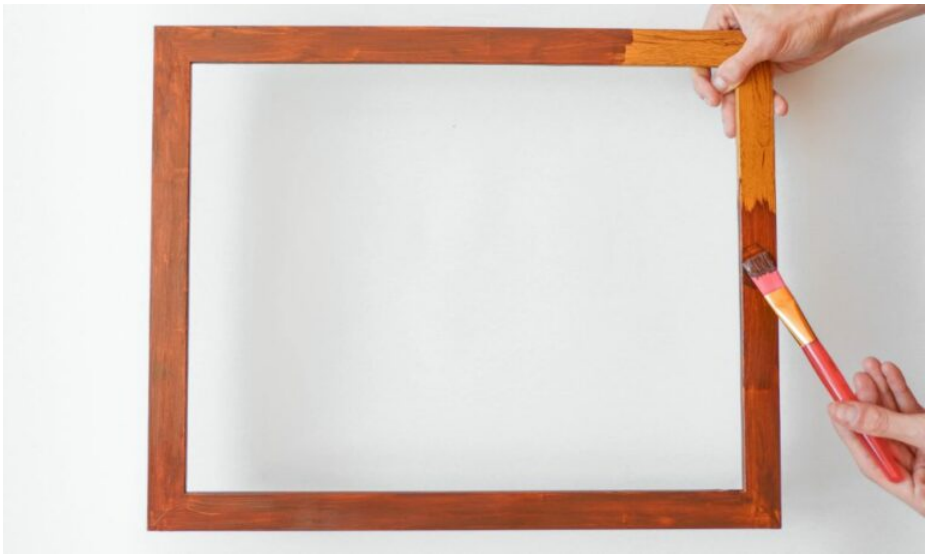
- Measure the inner size of the frame with a tape measure.
- Make sure that you get enough mesh to cover the measured size.

STEP 2) Ready the Frame



- Remove everything from the frame (glass or backing for example).
- Slightly sand it so it is ready for painting.

STEP 3) Paint the Frame



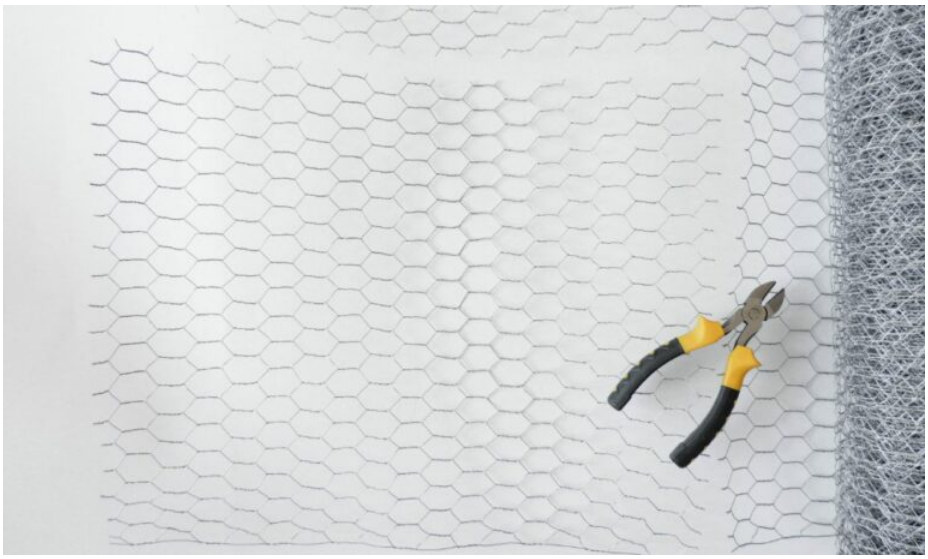
- Paint the wood by hand or spray paint and let it dry.
- If you would like, you can give it a second coat of paint, then let dry again.

STEP 4) Distress the Paint



- If you want to give it an aged look, you can distress it – sand it again to take some of the paint off.

STEP 5) Cut the Mesh



- Cut out a slightly bigger piece of the chicken wire than the size of the frame you previously measured. You can use any size chicken wire roll for this task.
- Use gloves and a wire cutter for the job.

STEP 6) Attach the First Side of the Mesh



- Start by securing one side of the mesh to the frame.
- Staple along the side from top to bottom at every second hole.

STEP 7) Attach the Top



- Once the side is done, attach the mesh along the top.
- By attaching in an L shape, you will be able to pull on the mesh to straighten it.

STEP 8) Pull and Attach the Remaining Sides



- Pull on the mesh while attaching the remaining parts to make it taut.
- This will give enough strength to the wire to hold the photos.

STEP 9) Cover the Ends of the Mesh



- Cover the ends of the chicken wire with packing or sealing tape so they don't poke out and damage anything.

STEP 10) Hang Your Pictures



- Once you are done, you can hang your pictures on the chicken wire with some clothespins.

TIPS

- You can add some fabric as backing.

- Staple the fabric to one of the sides and to the top of the frame.
- While stapling the bottom and the other side, pull on the material and staple as you go.