How to Make a Gabion Bench

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Below you will find steps on how to make a gabion bench for your garden.



OVERVIEW

- **Experience Required:** Medium
- **Tools Required:** Hammer, Drill, Pliers (Optional)
- **Materials required:** Gabion basket, Gabion Stones, Helicoils/Lacing Wire, Wooden Planks, Enamel Paint (optional), Pipe Clamps, Bolts, Nuts

Step 1) Fold Up Baskets



- Unfold the baskets and lift up their sides, front and back. Leave the lids hanging backward.
- Low projects of 1m or less on firm, level ground, with no heavy loads behind them, can be placed straight onto the ground, though a compacted base gives the best long-term result. Anything taller needs a compacted base. See our gabion wall rules for depths, heights and when you need an engineer.

Step 2) Make Up Baskets



- Connect the corners of the baskets with helicoils.
- Alternatively, you can use lacing wire.

Step 3) Fill Gabions



- Fill up your gabions with your desired type of stone.

Step 4) Enamel Wooden Planks



- Paint your wooden planks with enamel paint, if they aren't already painted. Make sure you allow enough time for the planks to dry properly before moving on to the next step.

Step 5) Prepare Pipe Clamps



- Take a couple of pipe clamps and hammer them flat. Lift the lid panel and put the wooden top behind it.

Step 6) Drill Holes



- Drill the holes, push a bolt through each of them and slide the clamp onto the bolts.

Step 7) Secure The Bolts



- Secure the end of the bolts with nuts and close down the lid with lacing wire

Step 8) Finished Project



- Enjoy your finished DIY gabion bench!

Other folks' lovely projects

Gabion benches come in all shapes and sizes – below we collected some DIY gabion seating ideas that differ from our version, offering some variety and showing off different styles. Feel free to browse them and choose your inspiration!

Custom gabion bench



This lovely bench features custom DIY gabions, created from wire mesh panels. What makes it unique is the shape of the gabions, which allow the plank to be held in place sturdily. Find the instructions here.

Stylish seating



This project by Better Homes and Gardens showcases a simple but stylish take on gabion seating, using a gabion kit. For more photos and instructions, feel free to visit their article here.

Wire Mesh Seating



This bench, built by Patrick and Wendy from Thirteen Vegetables doubles as a retaining wall. It's impressive how smoothly the curves make up the shape of the seating. Find their tutorial here.

VIDEO

Video: Watch the video on YouTube

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Below you'll find extra examples of customer projects featuring gabion seating areas, along with our own gabion projects.

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This customer projects shows an elevated design of our gabion bench guide brought to life.

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Another customer project featuring a seating area with benches and a table.

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John also built a gabion bench in their own alleyway.