

HOW TO CUT WIRE NETTING

Step by step Guide

What You'll Need:

- Protective Wear
- Scissors
- Wire Cutters
- Hacksaw
- Bolt Cutter
- Lineman's Pliers
- Tin Snips

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 - $\leq 0.21\text{mm}$

Use scissors for wire up to 0.21mm (35 gauge). Measure the length of the fence where your dog is digging. The roll of mesh will need to be the same length or longer than the area and 30cm or more in height. PVC coated mesh will be kinder on your dog's paws.



MEDIUM WIRE: Cutters - $\leq 1.2\text{mm}$

Use wire cutters for wire up to 1.2mm (18 gauge). 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: Snips - $\leq 1.2\text{mm}$

Use tin snips for wire up to 1.2mm (18 gauge). 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 - $\leq 5\text{mm}$

Use hacksaw for wire up to 5mm (6 gauge). 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

Use bolt cutter for wire up to 10mm (0 gauge). 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.

