

HOW TO MAKE TOMATO CAGES FROM CHICKEN WIRE



THINGS YOU'LL NEED

- Wire Cutters
- Penknife
- Work Gloves
- Eye Protection Glasses
- Wooden Support Sticks
- [Chicken Wire](#)

INSTRUCTIONS



STEP 1: Pre-Work

It is the best policy to plant your small tomato plants first so as not to disrupt the ground once that you have the wire in place.

This also helps to define the circle of your wire and ensure that the wire is situated on the inside area of the plants themselves.



STEP 2 : Starting Out

Put the eye protection on.

Ideally, you will create a circle of approximately 24" (60cm) diameter, which would give sufficient growing room for six fully grown tomato plants to spread and maximize their fruit. Cut it through the section of the joined wires.



STEP 3: Cutting the Wire

Roll the wire out flat on the ground. For a circle of approximately 24", you will need approximately 75" of wire, but will also need a small overlap, so measure out 80".

Lay a straightedge along the width of the wire and cut along it – or close to it – with the wire cutters, ensuring that you cut through each wire.



STEP 4: Preparing the Sticks

The sticks will need to be placed into the wire at approximately 12" intervals, ignoring the overlap part. Therefore you will need five sticks for this project.

One end of each stick will need to have a point put on it to help push it into the ground. This is best done by paring the end with the penknife until it has a fairly decent point.



STEP 5: Adding the Sticks to the Wire

The sticks will need to be woven through the wire to add support to the structure.

The first stick should be woven through the wire at approximately 1" from the first edge, as shown in the picture above.



STEP 6: Adding the Rest of the Sticks

The stick should end up finally placed so that approximately 12" to 18" protrude from the bottom of the wire.

Thread the second stick through the wire parallel to the first stick and approximately 14" further along the wire. Carry on in this manner until all five sticks are placed as above.



STEP 7: Building the Wire Cage

Roll the wire and sticks into a circle and place it on the inside of the ring of tomato plants.

Remove the first stick and rethread it through both layers of wire, thereby ensuring that the overlapping section is securely attached to the circle of wire.



STEP 8: Pushing the Sticks Into the Ground

The extended sections of the sticks should be pushed firmly into the ground so that the wire cannot be knocked over easily.

Your chicken wire cage is now ready for the growing tomato plants to use the wire for support as they grow.