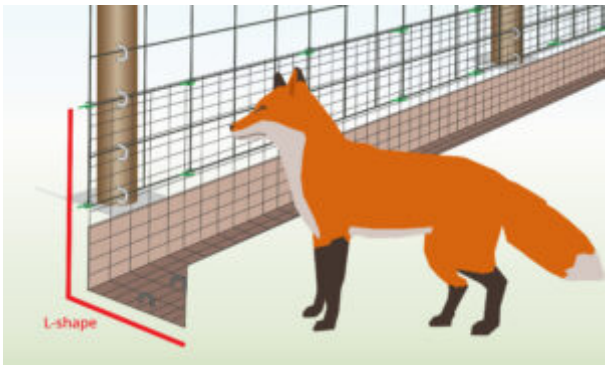
# How to Stop Foxes Digging Under a Fence

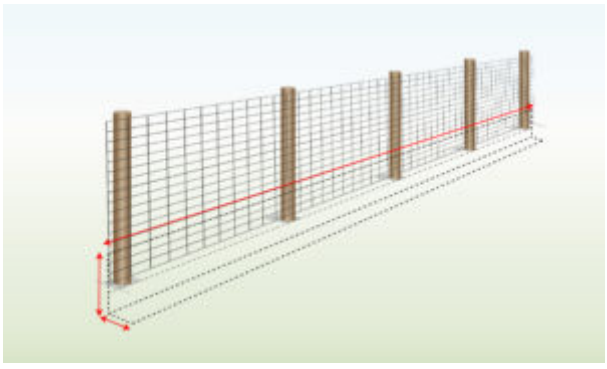
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Below you will find a step-by-step guide on how to stop foxes digging under a fence using different methods.



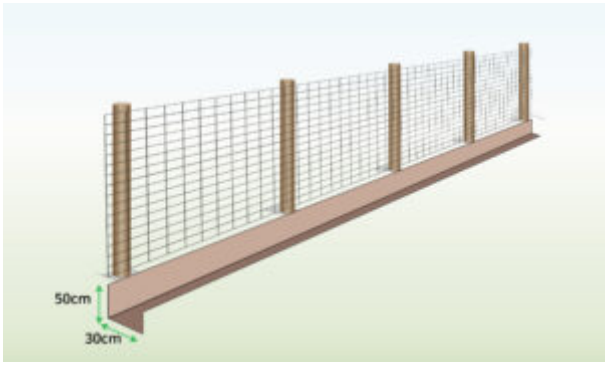

- **Experience Required:** Medium
- **Tools Required:** Protective gloves, Wire cutter, Tape measure, Spirit level, Hammer, Spade
- **Materials Required:** Fox proof fencing, Staples or Cable ties, Pegs, Cement (optional)

## Method A – Step 1) Measure Your Location



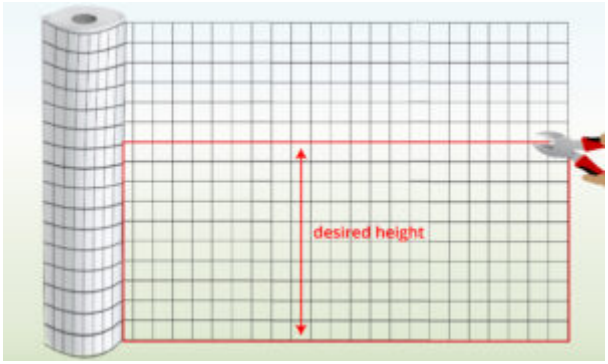
- Use a tape measure to determine the length and height of the installation space, taking into account the 50cm depth and 30cm width of the buried mesh.
- This will assist in calculating the necessary amount of wire mesh required.

## Method A – Step 2) Dig a Trench



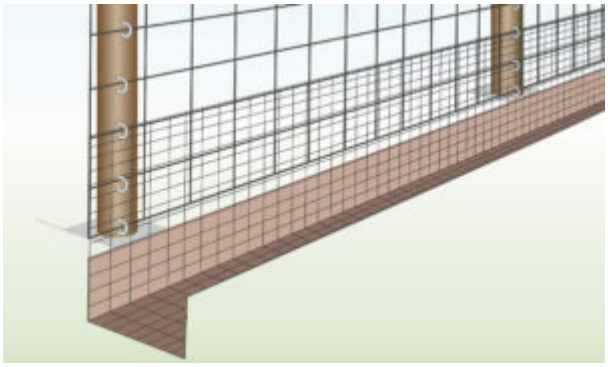

- A trench should be dug parallel to the fence, with a depth of 50cm and a width of approximately 30cm.
- This measurement is important as foxes are known for their ability to dig deep into the ground.

## Method A – Step 3) Cut Down Mesh (if applicable)



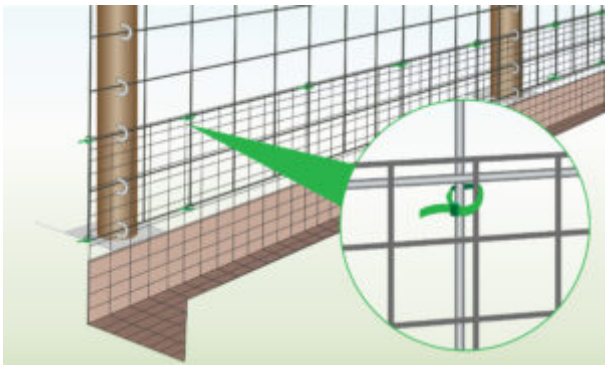

- To cut the mesh to the appropriate size, use wire cutters along the marked line.
- Make sure to leave enough overlap at corners and edges for a tight and secure fit.

## Method A – Step 4) Cover the L-shape with Mesh



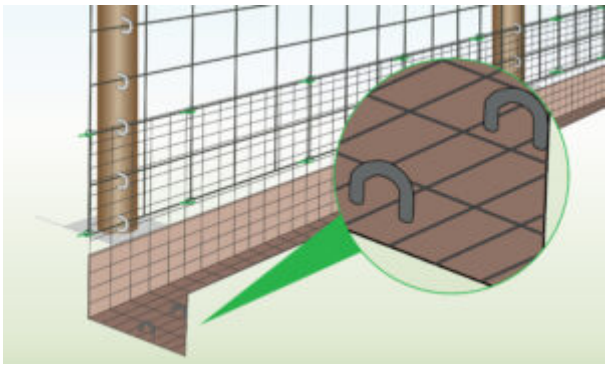
- To stop foxes from burrowing under the mesh, make sure to bury the mesh deep into the ground and bend it outwards at a 90-degree angle.

### Method A – Step 5) Join Mesh Together



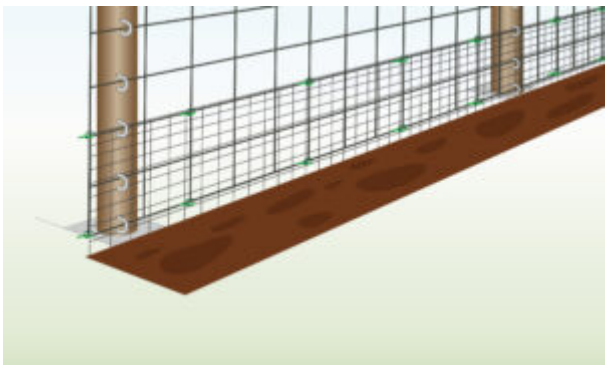
- While securing the wire mesh to the current fence, make sure to use cable ties placed no more than 15cm apart.

### Method A – Step 6) Secure Fence to Ground



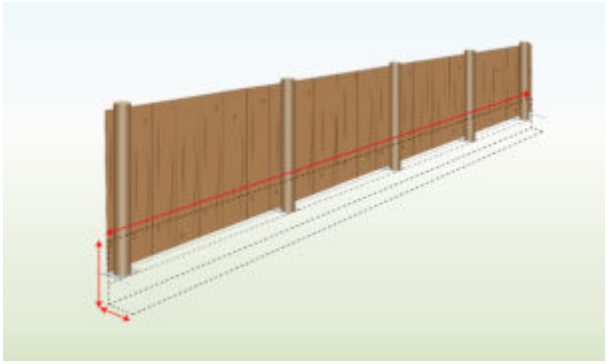
- Secure the flap to the ground by pegging it down at a 90-degree angle, making sure to place the pegs at the outer edge of the lip.
- Repeat this every 60cm.

## Method A – Step 7) Cover the Trench



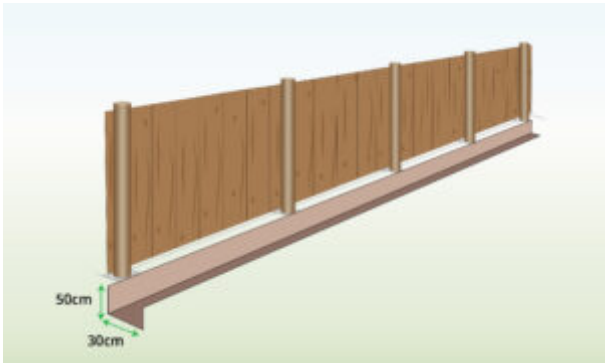
- Take the soil you excavated earlier and use it to cover the trench, making sure to keep the mesh inside.
- This step is crucial in the process of how to stop foxes digging under a fence.

## Method B – Step 1) Measure Your Area



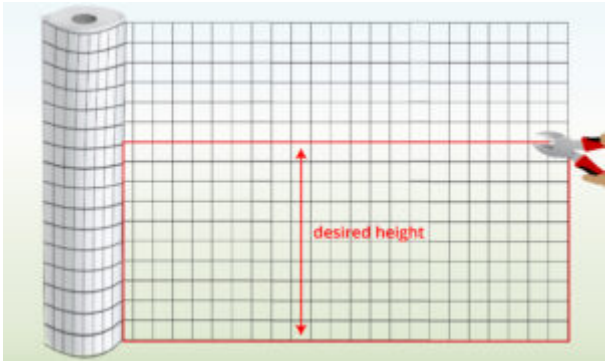
- Measure the length and height of the installation area using a tape measure, taking into account the buried mesh in the 50cm depth and 30cm width trench.
- This will help in calculating how much wire mesh is needed for the project.

## Method B – Step 2) Dig a Trench



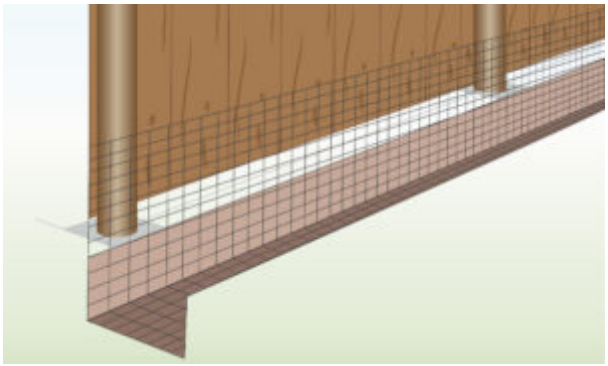
- Dig a trench next to the fence, making sure it is at least 50cm deep and approximately 30cm wide.
- This depth is necessary as foxes are skilled diggers.

## Method B – Step 3) Cut Down Mesh (if applicable)



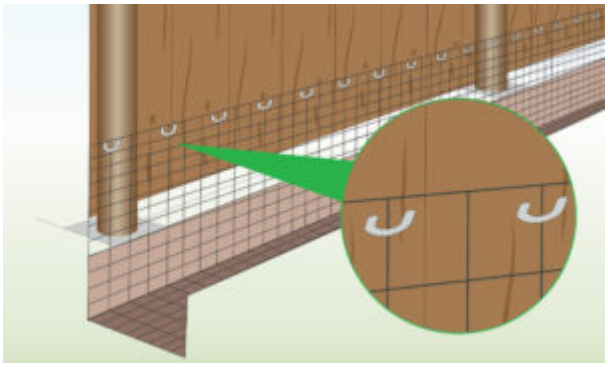

- Use wire cutters to cut the mesh to the desired dimensions along the measured line.
- Be sure to leave enough overlap at corners and edges to ensure a secure fit.

## Method B – Step 4) Cover the L-shaped Area



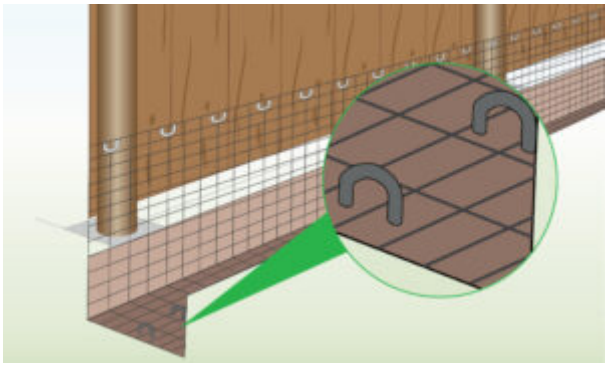
- To stop foxes from digging under the mesh, secure the mesh by burying it in a trench and bending it outwards at a 90-degree angle.

## Method B – Step 5) Attach to Wood



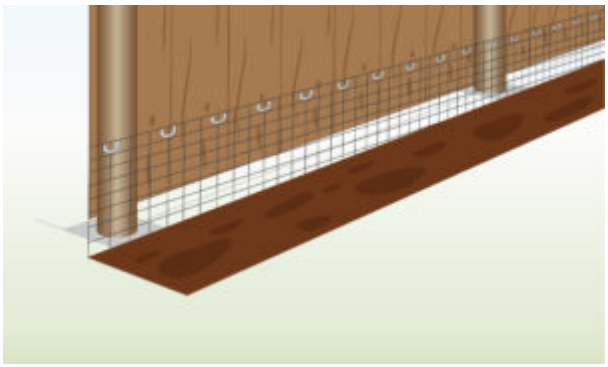
- Place staples no more than 15cm apart and hammer them into the bottom of the mesh to secure it.

## Method B – Step 6) Secure Mesh to the Ground



- Fasten the mesh to the ground using pegs, repeating this every 60cm
- Make sure the mesh is stretched tightly and doesn't have any wrinkles or creases.

## Method B – Step 7) Fill the Dug Trench



- Take the excess soil from earlier and use it to fill the trench.
- Make sure to cover the mesh that was placed inside.

- For a more secure finish, fill the trench with cement.

## Tips

- Foxes are skilled climbers, so it's important to have a fence that is at least 1.5m high with a 45 degree overhang at the top to prevent them from getting in.
- A minimum of 2mm (up to 14g.) sturdy fox proof wire mesh is required (or thick 2mm+ panels), as they are adept chewers. Chicken wire or plastic mesh are unsuitable for this purpose.
- Use multiple layers of mesh.
- Build a secure enclosure for small animals such as chickens or rabbits.

## Dos & Don'ts

- Keep outdoor spaces clean and tidy, and make sure bin lids are closed or covered.
- Use fox repellent sprays or natural deterrents like white vinegar, chilli peppers, and garlic.
- Don't leave objects in the garden for animals to play with.
- Do not leave excess fruit and vegetables on plants.

## FURTHER READING

- How to Attach Welded Mesh to Different Posts and Materials – Step by step instructions on how to attach welded mesh to different materials.
- How to Cut Wire Netting – Learn how to cut wire netting using different methods.
- How to Straighten Rolled Wire Mesh – A guide showing you how to straighten rolled wire netting.