How to Unroll Chicken Wire

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Ever wondered how to unroll chicken wire? Below you can find step-by-step instructions on how to do it yourself.



- **Experience Required:** Low
- **Tools Required:** Protective gloves, Wire cutters, Stone or brick, Tape measure (optional), Marker (optional)
- **Materials Required:** Chicken Wire Mesh

Step 1) Lay It Flat



- Choose a flat, open area free of obstacles.
- Position the roll on its side, ensuring it is ready for further handling.

Step 2) Cut the Thin Wire to Open



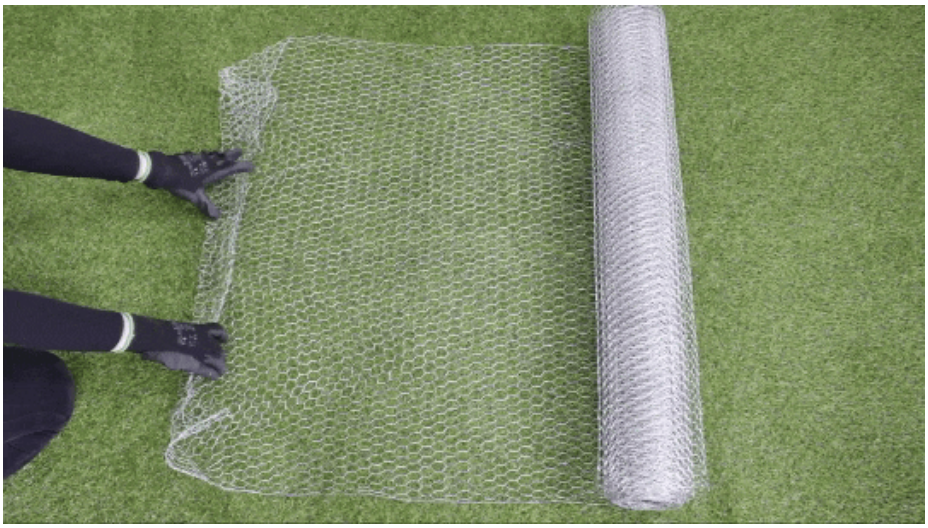
- In the process of how to unroll chicken wire, use wire cutters and carefully cut the thin ties holding the roll together.
- Hold the roll firmly throughout the process to prevent it from springing open.

Step 3) Unroll Chicken Wire



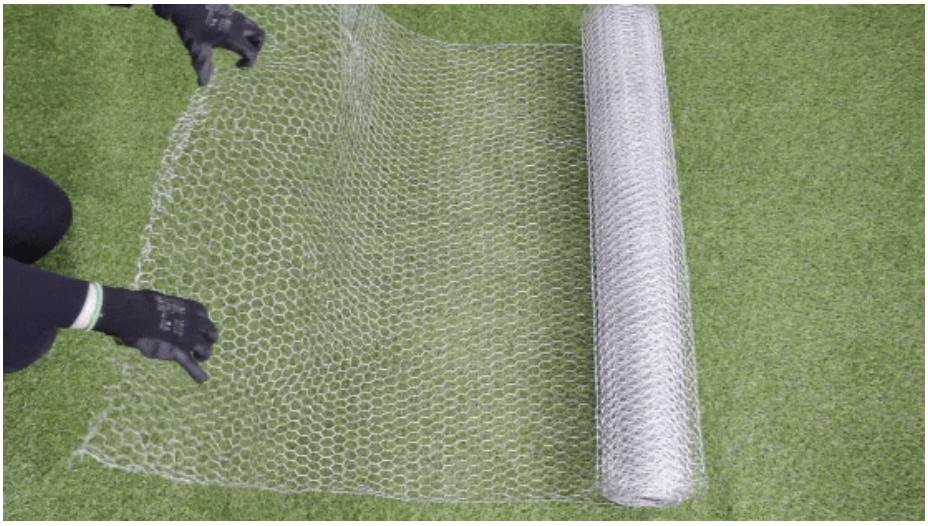
- Begin unrolling chicken wire slowly by pulling the loose end straight out from the roll.
- Work on a small section at a time, smoothing it out as you progress.

Step 4) Unfold Edges



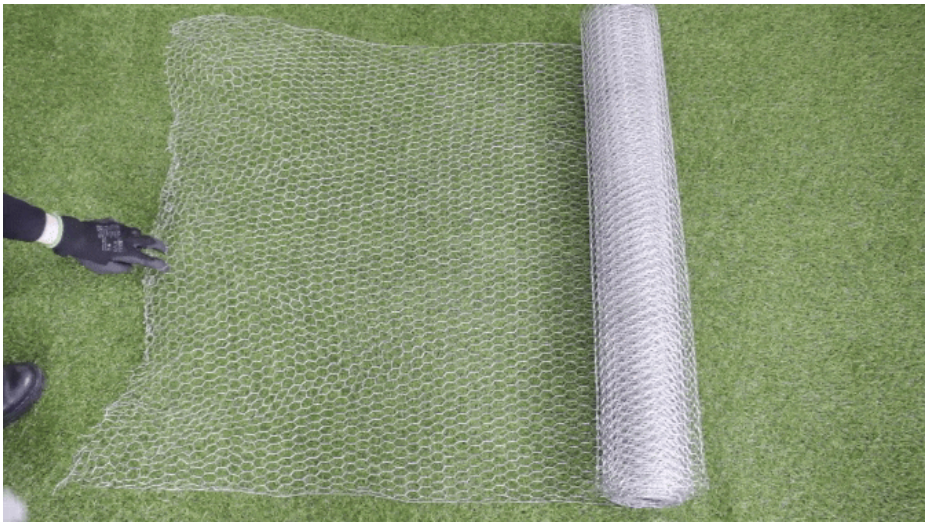
- Gently straighten the curled edges of the chicken netting by unfolding them with your hands or pliers.

Step 5) Flatten the Mesh



- To reduce curling, gently press the chicken mesh down with your hands while wearing gloves.
- Bend the loose end backward and, if necessary, roll the mesh briefly in the opposite direction to help it lay flatter.

Step 6) Weight It Down



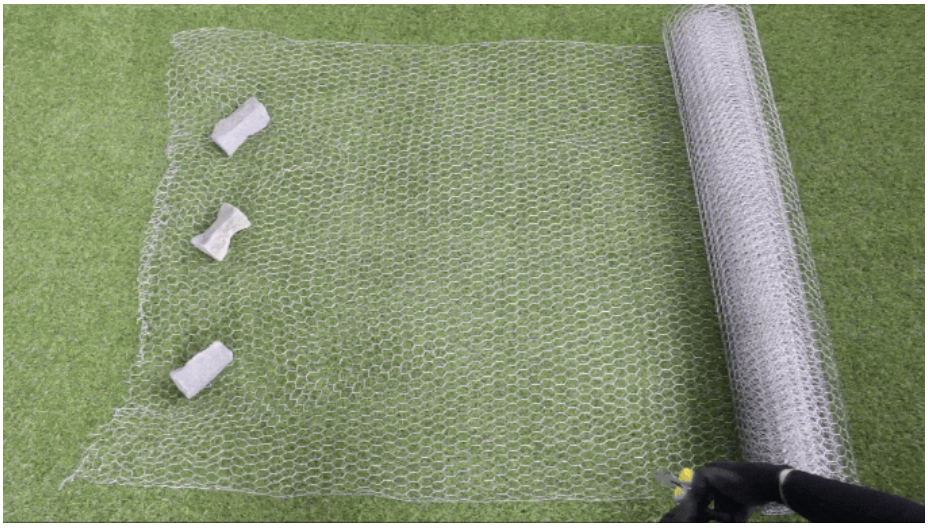
- When unrolling chicken wire, place heavy objects such as stones or bricks on the ends and corners to keep it flat and stable, preventing it from curling.

Step 7) Measure & Mark (optional)



- Measure and mark the desired lengths of the chicken netting with a permanent marker.

Step 8) Cut to Size (optional)



- Use wire cutters to trim the mesh along the markings to the appropriate size.

Tips and Tricks

- If you find any twists or bends in the netting, carefully work them out by hand, or use pliers if the netting is particularly stubborn.
- Bend any sharp ends inward with pliers to prevent injury.

- In the process of how to unroll chicken wire, having a second person to hold it in place is helpful, or you can use weight (stones or bricks) to prevent it from rolling back.
- If the netting is too curled, you can roll it backward (opposite to how it was packaged) for a few feet to reduce the spring effect and help it lay flatter.
- Select an appropriate gauge (thickness) for your project – a thicker one for durability or a thinner one for flexibility.
- For easier cuts, use heavy-duty wire cutters and bolt cutters.

FURTHER READING

- Cutting Chicken Wire – A guide showing you how to cut a poultry netting.
- How to Attach Chicken Wire to Bottom of Fence – Learn how to attach poultry netting to bottom of fence.
- How to Build a Chicken Wire Garden Fence – Step by step instructions on how to build a garden fence.

VIDEO

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