

# DIY CHICKEN WIRE CHRISTMAS TREE

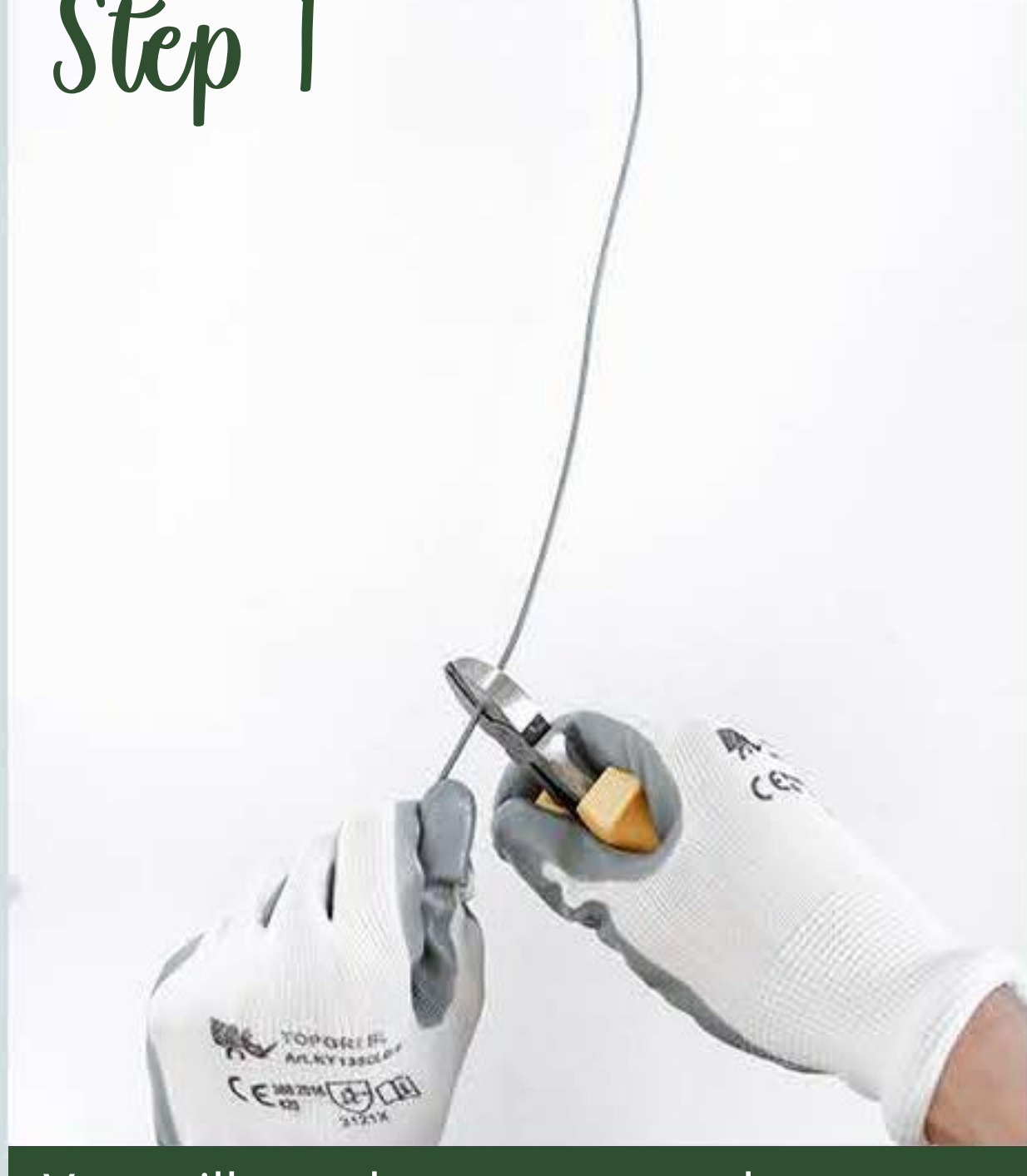
## Step by Step Guide

### What You'll Need:

- Chicken Wire (120cm x 150cm)
- 6x Stakes (90cm long each)
- Christmas Lights (15m long)
- Tying Wire (2.5m long)

- Spray Paint (preferably green)
- Lacing Wire
- Pliers, Wire Cutters
- Protective Gloves

### Step 1



You will need to create two hoops to create and hold the cone shape of the Christmas tree together. Cut an approximately 150cm long piece and a 100cm long piece of tying wire for the top and bottom hoops.

### Step 2



Bend the tying wire into a hoop with a small overlap. Tie it off with thin lacing wire to secure it into place.

### Step 3



Tie the bigger hoop at a 20cm distance from the bottom of the first stake with the lacing wire.

### Step 4



Place the smaller hoop onto the stake at 40cm from the top and secure it with the lacing wire.

### Step 5



Place the next stake on the opposite side and tie it to both hoops at equal distances. Repeat the same steps with the rest of the stakes at even distances. Make sure to always place opposite stakes.

### Step 6



To give stability to the structure, tie the top of the stakes together. Just wrap the thin lacing wire in between and around the stakes to hold them in place.

### Step 7



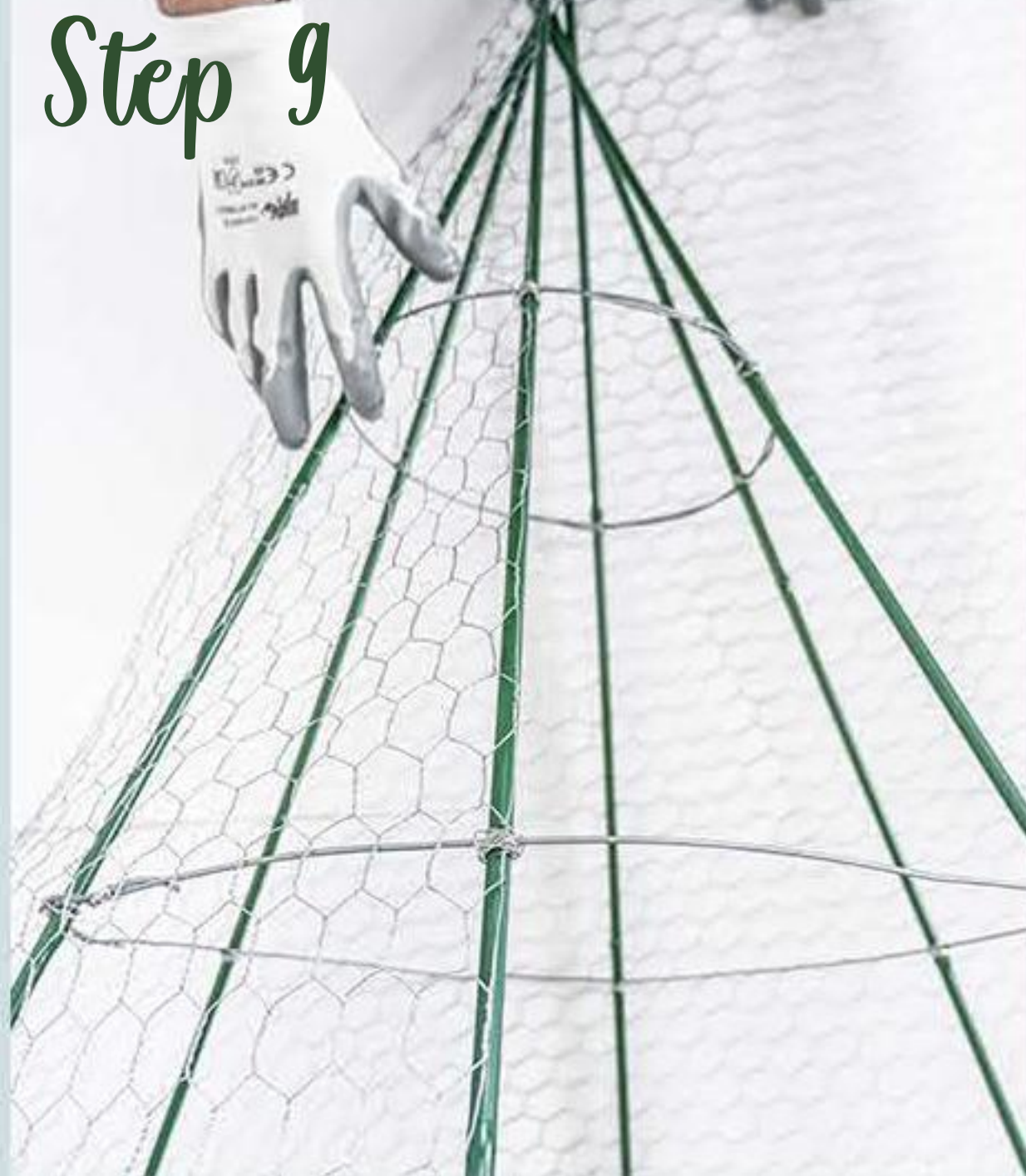
Roll out a length of chicken wire, lay the structure on it and wrap the mesh around it. This way you'll roughly have the length you need to wrap the structure completely (approx. 120cm x 150cm).

### Step 8



Cut down the chicken wire with wire cutters or tin snips. Tip: if the mesh is very lightweight, you may even be able to cut it with a good pair of household scissors.

### Step 9



Secure the mesh to the frame with the lacing wire. Make small hooks in the form of a J to make the job quicker and easier. Pull the mesh slightly before attaching it to each stake so that it stays taut.

### Step 10



Once you secured the chicken wire to each stake, cut down the excess chicken wire at the bottom of the structure. You can use a ruler or an object with a straight edge to guide you and achieve a precise cut.

### Step 11



Use a spray paint to give the structure an even colour, preferably green to imitate a real pine tree. Paint it from top to bottom, making sure that the paint covers the chicken wire evenly. Let it dry for an hour.

### Step 12



Start from the top and make your way down in spirals. Once you reach the bottom, tie the light strand to the mesh and start in a different direction if you still have some of it left.

### Step 13



Once you've run out of lights, secure the end to the mesh with some tape or the lacing wire.

### Step 14



Your Xmas tree should now be ready so you can plug the lights in. Put on some holiday music as now you have something to rock around at the Christmas party hop.