# **HOW TO BUILD A CAT ENCLOSURE** With Chicken Wire

## What You'll Need:

- Chicken wire Timber battens
- (like two-by-fours)
- Staples
- Protective gloves
- Tape measure Marker
- Utility square

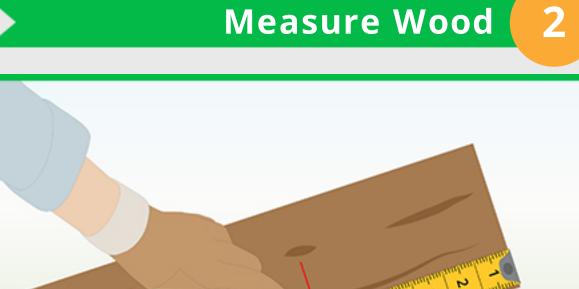
### • Wire cutters

- Hammer Hacksaw
- Screws
- Drill
- 3x Hinges
- 1x Latch

**Design Scheme** 1

Measure your area and plan your

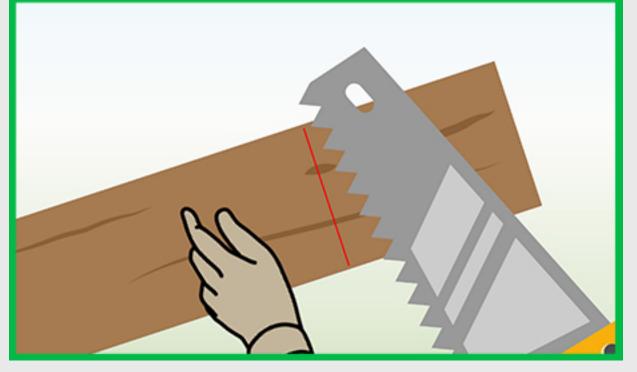
- chicken wire cat enclosure:
- minimum of 1-2 square metres per cat
- ensuring free access for your cats
- plan out a door (if applicable)
- decide on the type of roof



Grab your treated timber battens and a tape measure.

Measure and mark the pieces required to craft the structural frames of the enclosure.

#### 3 **Cut Battens**



Use a stable, horizontal surface to lay the battens on as you cut them to size with a hacksaw.

Remember to wear protective gear throughout the process!

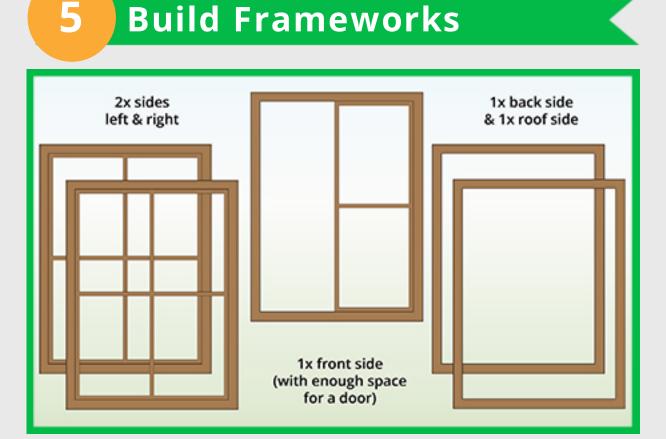
## **Connect Batten Pieces**

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Employ a utility square to ensure your angles are precise.

Consider using glue for initial adhesion as you connect the battens with wood screws and a drill.

Prioritize pre-drilling and countersinking your joins for a seamless and secure



Stick to your design plan and complete step 4 to make all required wooden frames.

Ensure the backside of the enclosure stays open for doorway access, and leaving space for an exterior door if needed.

Also, build a roof frame if choosing an open mesh design.

Measure & Cut Netting

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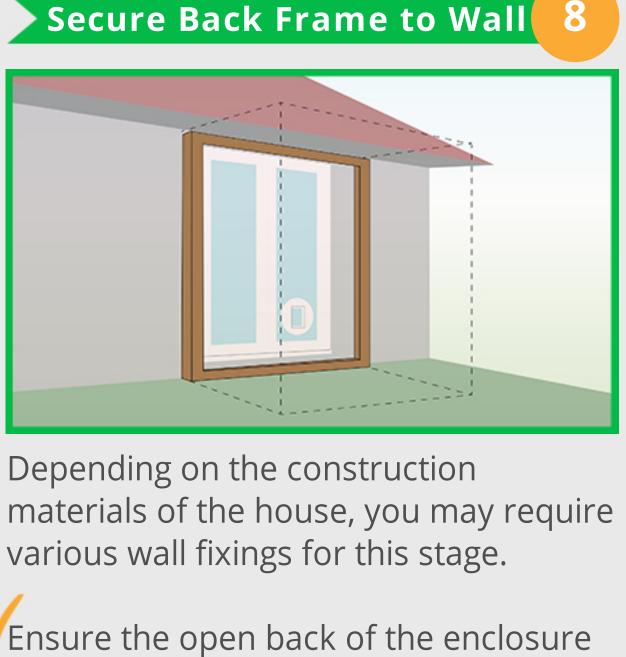
Lay the wire mesh on the frames, ensuring it overlaps the wood.

Cut along the wood to allow space for attaching with staples.

| 7 | Secure Netting to Frames |
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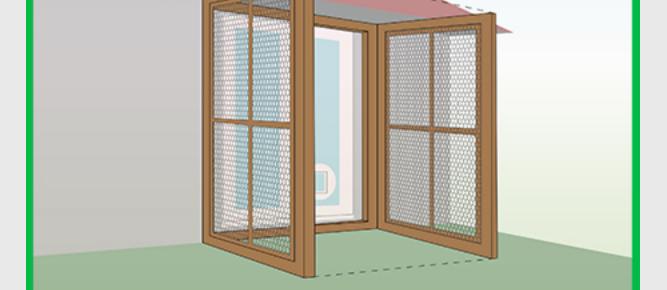
Use staples spaced at most 15cm apart and hammer them into the wood to attach the netting to the frames.

Ensure the back side remains open for easy access for your pets.



is flush against the wall and securely attached.

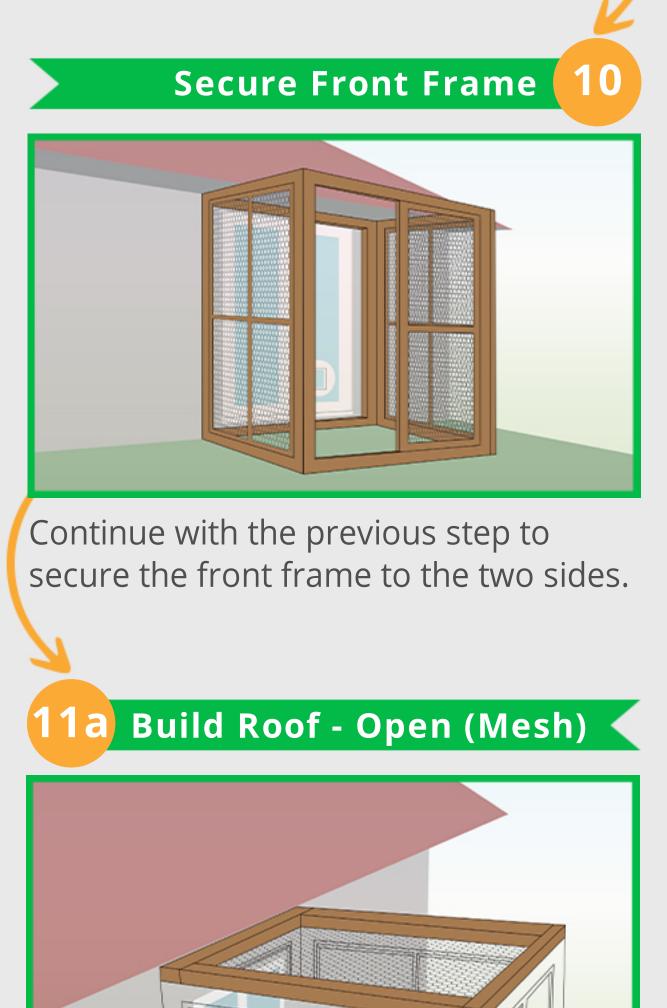
**Attach Side Frames** 



Connect the two side frames to the back frame using screws at least 4 points per side.

Ensure that the mesh attachments are facing outwards.

Remember to pre-drill and countersink your joins for a flush and secure finish!



Proceed with steps 7-8 to install the roof panel and enclose the cat enclosure from the top.

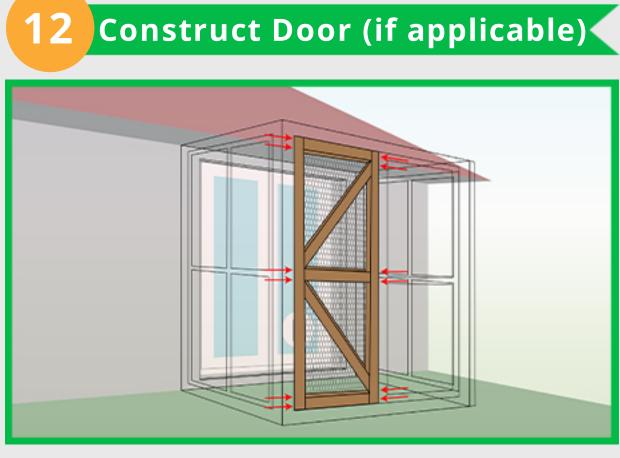
Ensure there is ample shade to shield your felines from UV rays if opting for this type of roofing.

## Build Roof - Closed (Plastic) 11b



Affix a batten to the back of the structure, then add several more perpendicularly on top to create a proper slope for water drainage.

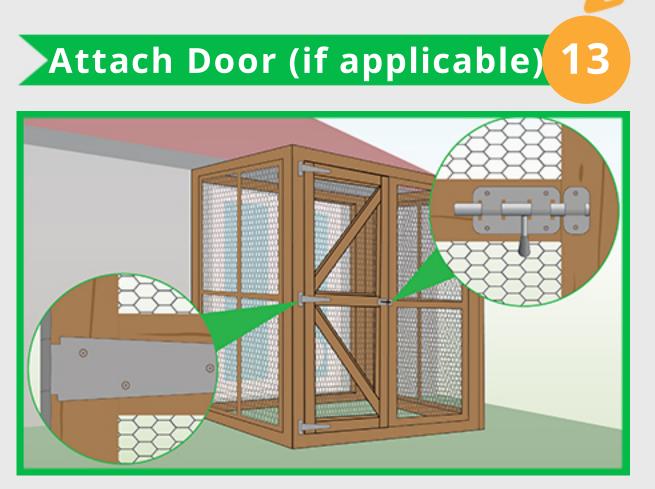
Cut and secure a plastic roofing sheet using roof screws to prevent water from entering the enclosure.



If your structure lacks interior access, add a door. Consider two entryways for convenience.

Construct the door like the frame, but reinforce with diagonal braces.

Attach mesh to the exterior to make it cat-proof.

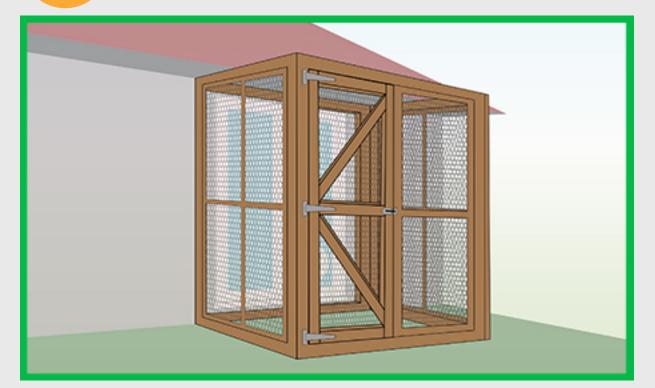


If you're not adding a door, skip this step.

Attach three latches to the wooden frame using screws.

Additionally, screw in a latch to secure the door closed.



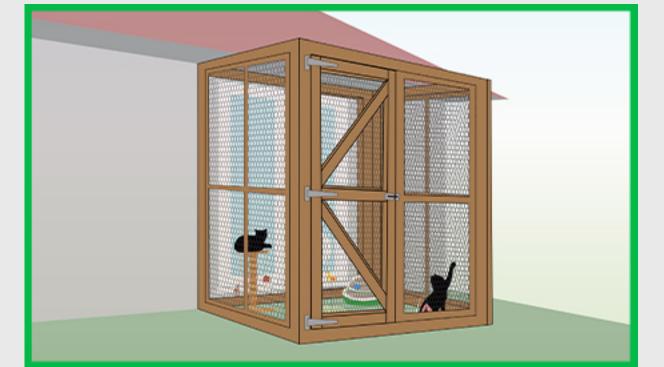


Your cat enclosure should be complete.

Ensure all sides and joins are properly attached, with no gaps for cats to escape.

The back frame should be flush with the wall and securely attached, and the door should close properly.

Furnish Your Cat Enclosure



Enhance your pets' outdoor experience with:

 Climbing trees, steps, and ladders; Hiding spots, beds, shelves and

- hammocks;
- DIY scratching posts;
- Feline-friendly plants and toys, etc.

## **DO'S AND DON'TS**

 Avoid leaving food outside to deter animals;

Provide fresh water and a litterbox; 

Ensure materials are comfortable and splinter-free;

 Choose pavement, wood, or grass for flooring;

 Include hiding spots and shade, while allowing sunlight for sunbathing.