

Materials

- 10 ft. roll 36" poultry wire (1" mesh) or hardware cloth or plastic coated wire (½" mesh)
- 4+ metal clips or galvanized wire
- 3 4' metal posts

Circle Bin

Roll out and cut 9½ feet of poultry wire, hardware cloth or plastic coated wire mesh.

Poultry wire—Roll back 3 to 4 inches at each end of cut piece to provide a strong clean edge to work with.

Set wire circle in place for compost pile and secure ends with clips or wire ties. Space metal posts around perimeter inside wire circle. Pound posts firmly into the ground while tensing them against wire to provide support.

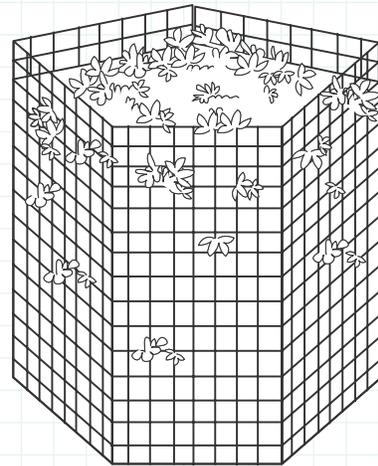
Hardware cloth or plastic coated wire—Bend hardware cloth into a circle and attach ends with clips or wire.

Trim ends to eliminate sharp edges. File each cut edge to ensure safer handling. For plastic coated wire, filing the wire ends may cause the plastic coating to tear, so strike the end of each wire with a hammer to knock down any jagged edges.

Set bin in place for composting. Bins made with hardware cloth should be strong enough to stand without posts.

Tools

- Heavy duty wire or tin snips
- Pliers
- Metal file or hammer
- Work gloves
- Eye protection



Materials

- 15 ft 24" plastic coated wire or hardware cloth (½" mesh)
- 20 metal clips or galvanized wire

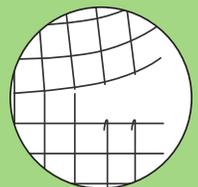
Five-Panel Bin

Cut five 3-foot long sections of the wire mesh. When making cuts, leave wires sticking out along one cut edge of each panel. Use a pair of pliers to bend over and tightly clamp each wire on this edge. This edge becomes the top of each panel.

Connect panels together using clips or wire ties.

Bend, file or break off all exposed wire ends for protection. The five-panel bin can be enlarged or reduced depending on amount of compost. Simply add or remove panels.

TOP DETAIL:
Cut just under the next row to leave excess wire. Fold wires down.



DIY Wire Composting Bins

Wire bins are the quickest and least expensive bins to construct. They can be used as holding and turning bins, or in combination with one of the larger bins as temporary storage. Compost food and yard waste separately. Pests like ants, rats and raccoons are attracted to food scraps in outdoor yard waste compost bins.

Use these plans to build wire bins for about \$20.00 each. Visit our website for class schedules and composting tips and resources.



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