

How to Fit Garden Screening

Rolls of garden screening at greenfingers.com come in a variety of materials such as Willow, Split Bamboo and Reed and are available in a wide range of heights and lengths so selecting the right product to give you the privacy or the new look in your garden you desire should be easy.

All rolls of garden screening are fitted in a similar way, the exact method will depend on the material you are attaching the screening to and also how exposed the area is to wind, the more wind then the tighter you need to fit the screening to prevent damage to the product.

KEY TIP: When installing make sure the screening isn't touching the ground as it may cause the material to rot over time.

Protection: Remember to wear protective eye goggles when cutting wire or cable ties and when stapling.

Attaching to an existing wooden fence

If fixing to the side with the posts then it will be necessary to attach wooden batons horizontally at approximately 50cm intervals to give a flat surface the length of the screening (please ensure you have permission if the fence doesn't belong to you).

- **Using Cable Ties** – this is the simplest way to attach the screening, we recommend you attach cable ties to the wire between the screening poles to prevent damage and also to fit the cable ties every 50cm horizontally and 10cm vertically. Remember to cut off the excess part of the cable ties.
- **Using 1mm Galvanised wire** – we recommend you use wire cutters to cut the wire into strips long enough to go over the wooden post or baton and leave enough extra to allow you to twist the wire. Secure the screening every 50cm horizontally and at 10cm intervals vertically ensuring the twist keeps the screening tightly in place. Cut the excess of the twisted wire and push it to the back of the screening.
- **Using Staples** – (approx. staple length 15-20mm) - this is the same as using cable ties and you should staple over the wire to ensure you don't damage the screening. Again staple every 50 cm horizontally and 10cm vertically.

Attaching to a chain link fence

As with a wooden fence, if fixing to the side with the posts then it will be necessary to attach horizontally supports at approximately 50cm intervals to give a flat surface the length of the screening (please ensure you have permission if the fence doesn't belong to you).

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- **Using 1mm Galvanised wire** – we recommend you use wire cutters to cut the wire into short strips and twist over the wire between the screening poles and the chain link fence (or the batons). Cut the excess of the twisted wire and push it to the back of the screening.

Attaching to a wall

Attach wooden batons horizontally at approximately 50cm intervals to give a flat surface the length of the screening (please ensure you have permission if the wall doesn't belong to you).

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If you have nothing to attach the screening to

If you are installing a fence using the screening then you will firstly need to provide the structure to which you will attach the screening. This should be constructed of 75mm x 75mm treated timber posts and 48mm x 75mm cross batons.

Posts can either be secured using post fix spikes if the ground is firm enough, in which case the height of the post should be the same size as the screening, remember to take into consideration what the ground is like in the winter months as it may become water logged. If you are securing the posts by digging holes and using concrete or post fix mix then a good rule of thumb is that the posts should be the height of the screening plus an extra 50%. So for example if the screening is 2m high then the post should be 3m high as 1m will be in the ground.

The batons should be at the top and bottom of the post and then every 50cm in-between.

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