INCLUDED PARTS: (1) 50 ft roll of Welded Wire Mesh Fence   (30) 12-Inch Galvanized Ground Stakes

Please note:

- The components listed above are for a 50 ft kit. Ex: 100 ft version would include 2X the components listed above.

- Fasteners to attach the wire mesh to your fence or wall are not included. The appropriate fasteners needed for different fence types are addressed within the instructions.

OVERVIEW
- **The key to the Dig Proofer System is that the welded wire mesh lay flat on the ground.**
- **This makes it so a dog attempting to dig under the fence ends up digging on top of the wire mesh.**
- **The farther out the wire mesh reaches away from the fence, the better.**
- **Utilize enough of the wire mesh vertically to secure it well to the bottom of your existing fence. This usually means at least 3-5 inches overlapping the fence vertically.**
- **The balance of the wire mesh should be folded onto the ground and pinned in place with included ground stakes.**

1 UNROLL & CUT WIRE MESH FLAT ON THE GROUND
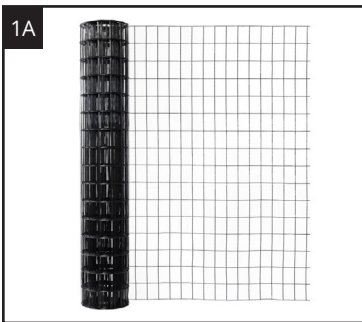
1A. Start by pinning one end of the wire mesh down with a heavy item such as a brick (or better yet, a helper!). *Plan to stop and start the wire mesh at corners and at either side of gates. More information provided regarding corners and gates in **section 5**.*

1B. Prepare a piece of wire mesh for installation by using a tape measure to find the length you need or by unrolling the wire mesh flat on the ground from start to finish of the section you are outfitting. Once you find your ideal length, add an additional few squares of wire mesh to your measurement (per 25 ft) before making your cut to allow for the contours of the ground and other variations.

1C. Cut the wire mesh by using tin snips, aviation snips, wire cutters or similar cutting tool for wire.

2 PREPARE WIRE MESH FOR MOUNTING

2A. Decide how much wire mesh you need to run vertically up your existing fence. The general guideline is to leave enough wire mesh overlapping the fence so that you can secure it based on the fastening methods shown in **section 4**.

2B. Hold the vertical edge of the wire mesh against the fence and use your foot to press down and create the 90-degree bend as shown in the diagram. Repeat this every few feet down the entire span of the section until the wire mesh fence lays in a shape that is roughly consistent with an "L" shape.

3 STAKE WIRE MESH INTO GROUND

1.5 Feet
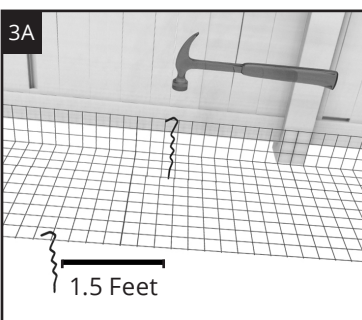
3A. Use a hammer to drive the provided 12" galvanized ground stakes into the ground ensuring that the hooked tip holds the wire mesh securely to the ground. It is best if the stake is positioned to hold the wire mesh where two strands of wire intersect. It is recommended that stakes are placed approximately every 1.5 feet (left to right) and alternated from front to back as shown. Additional stakes are available for purchase if needed.

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4 SECURE WIRE MESH TO EXISTING FENCE
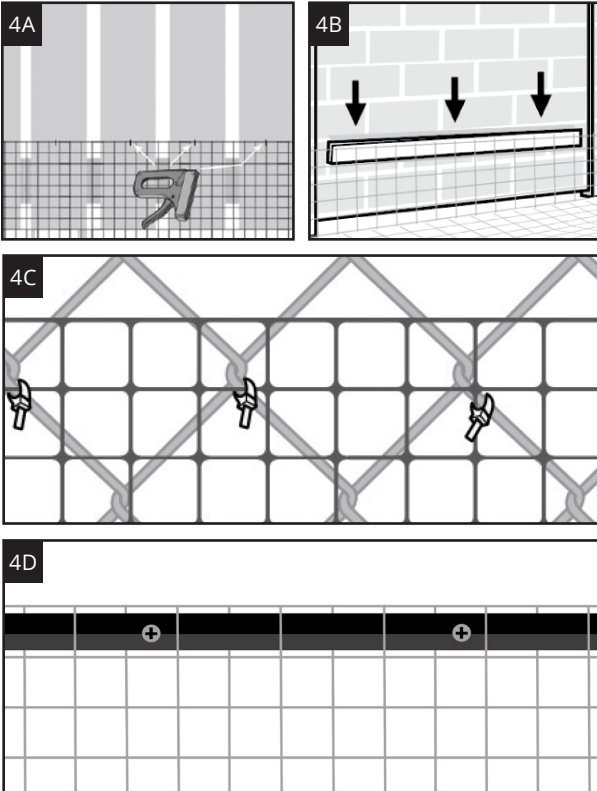
4A. Wood Fence - Use staples to secure the top edge of the wire mesh to your existing fence. Stainless steel or galvanized staples are recommended for staple gun-type staples. You can also use a pneumatic/battery narrow crown stapler. The best hammered staples are Romex staples found in the electrical department of most home improvement stores. Use three staples per foot. Trim excess mesh if needed.

4B. Masonry Wall - One option is to secure strips of wood to the wall between posts and staple the wire mesh to the strips. Another option is to use masonry screws with fender washers to catch the grid joints of the mesh. We also offer a thick band of nylon that can be secured to your wall every few feet. The band can be woven through the wire mesh squares, or the wire mesh can be secured to the band with zip ties. It is stretched and acts like a tight bungee cord when properly installed (*PVC / Wall Kit sold seperately*).

4C. Chainlink Fence - The wire mesh can be secured to your chainlink fence with zip ties. We recommend heavy-duty zip ties that are UV-resistant (*available for purchase seperately*). Another option is hog rings to secure the wire mesh directly to the chainlink (*Hogringer Tool and Rings sold seperately*).

4D. Vinyl / PVC Fence - We offer a thick band of nylon that can be secured to your wall every few feet. The band can be woven through the wire mesh squares, or the wire mesh can be secured to the band with zip ties. It is stretched and acts like a tight bungee cord when properly installed (*PVC / Wall Kit sold seperately*).

4E. Decorative Aluminum & Steel Fence (not shown) - Secure the wire mesh with zip ties to the pickets or rail. We recommend heavy-duty zip ties that are UV-resistant (*available for purchase seperately*).

5 INSTALLING AROUND GATES AND CORNERS
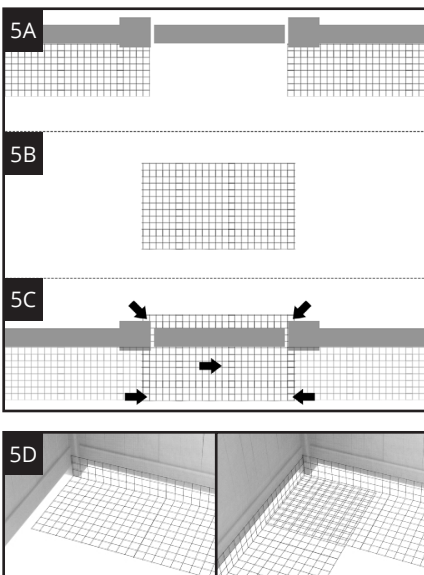
GATES

5A. Gates are outfitted by stopping and starting the wire mesh on either side of the gate as shown.

5B. Prepare a piece of wire mesh that is the width +2 squares of wire mesh wider than the opening as shown. This piece will not be bent or fastened to the gate itself. It will lay flat underneath the gate to prevent digging and allow the gate to open freely.

5C. Open the gate and lay the wire flat on the ground, trimming the edges as necessary to fit around posts. Once in place, secure to the ground with stakes in the 4 corners and 1 stake in the middle as indicated by the arrows. Larger width gates (36"+) may require extra stakes. Stakes on the bottom left and right corners are used to hold the overlapping gate piece of mesh and the non-gate mesh on either side to the ground.

CORNERS

5D. Plan to cut the wire mesh in corners. When starting a new section of wire mesh for installation, it is advised to overlap it as shown in the diagram. You may also choose to bend the mesh around the corner, but it tends to be more difficult as it requires an angled cut of the mesh to lay properly.