

# ARTIFICIAL VERTICAL GARDEN AND HEDGE PANEL INSTALLATION GUIDE



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All of Vertical Gardens Direct's artificial vertical garden & hedge panels are quick and easy to install onto any surface. Let us show you how in this handy guide. If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate contact us to discuss your project.

# **1** Ordering your panels

- The first step is to order your panels. Choose your preferred style from our large range of vertical garden and hedge panels.
- Calculate how many panels you need. We have a calculator on our website to assist.
- Place your order online, by phone or email and we will deliver within a few days.
- Read the rest of this guide for tips on how to install the panels once they arrive.



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## Work out what tools will be required

The tools required will depend on the surface type of your wall. We've listed the tools required for each surface type below. In addition to the tools listed below, we also recommend having a spirit level, tape measure, scissors and pencil on hand to make the installation easier.

### Timber / Plaster

- Staple Gun OR Drill OR Screw Driver
- Staples OR Screws & washers (we sell screw & washer kits or you can buy from your local hardware store)

### Brick / Concrete / Render

- Drill
- Hammer
- Nylon Plugs + Masonry Drill Bit (we sell these in kits or you can buy from your local hardware store)

### Mesh Fence / Slat Fence / Wrought Iron

- UV Cable Ties (we sell these or you can buy from your local hardware store)

### Colorbond

- OPTION 1: Drill + Screws & Washers + Cable Ties
- OPTION 2: Build timber framing in front of colorbond fence and use Drill + Screws & Washers to attach to frame



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## Installation Steps



### A Unpack, measure & mark

Use a spirit level to mark a level guide line along the top of your wall. You will follow this line when attaching the top row of panels. Start in the top corner and work your way across.

### B Attach the first panel

Fix your first panel in place in the top corner of the wall along the guide line using the holes on the back of the panel. Depending on your wall surface type you will either use screws or cable ties. Fix the panel with at least 3 fixing points along the top row (we recommend 9 - 12 total per panel depending on wind levels). **Make sure the plants on the panels are facing the right way up.**

We have more fixing tips for each wall surface type on the next page.

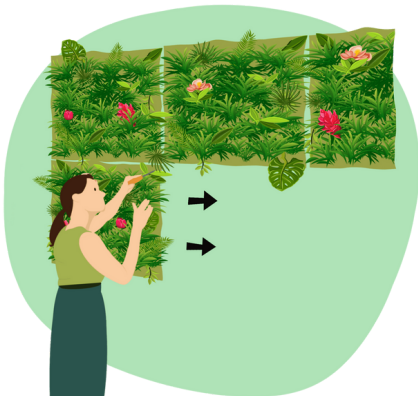


### C Attach top row of panels

Put the next panel in place and fix it to the surface using your guideline to keep level. You may choose to clip the panels together using the clips along the sides of the panels. Repeat this process until the entire top row is fixed in place.

### D Attach remaining panels

Place the next panel below the first panel on the top row and continue until all panels are attached. Ensure all panels are fixed securely and use scissors to trim any overhang on the bottom or sides.



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## Tips for each surface type

### Timber / Plaster

This is the most straightforward installation type. Use screws or staples to attach each panel through the holes on the backing frame. We typically recommend 9-12 attachment points per panel. Ensure you pull the foliage apart at the fixing points to ensure you only attach the backing frame to the wall. This will avoid squashing any foliage against the wall and means you won't see the staples or screws.

This method is achievable with 1 person but easier with 2 people.

### Brick / Concrete / Render

This method is best attempted with 2 people. You will need to hold the panel in place and mark where to pre-drill into the surface of the wall with the masonry drill bit. Once holes are pre-drilled, then hammer the nylon plugs into the holes.

We recommend marking at least 1cm in from the corner of each panel to allow the nylon plug head to grip enough of the backing frame and keep the panel secure.

Screw or hammer the plug heads into the nylon plugs through the holes in the panel making sure the backing frame is secured against the wall. We recommend at least 9 attachment points including the middle and edges if it is a windy area.

### Mesh Fence / Slat Fence / Wrought Iron

Place your panel against the top corner of the fence and using cable ties pass them through the panel's backing frame and the fence and pull them tight. Cut off the excess cable tie that is left after tightening.

We recommend at least 12 fixing points for each panel.

### Colorbond

Attach the panel to the top corner of the fence where the capping is (this will avoid screws poking through to the other side). We recommend a fixing point every 10cm along the top row of capping.

Once the top row is attached along the capping, attach the next row of panels using the "hole and lug system" on the edges of each panel, or you can use cable ties to attach the panels to each other... (continued on next page)



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## Colorbond (continued)

Repeat this process of clipping each panel together using the "hole & lug system" or cable ties until the fence is covered, then ensure you secure the bottom row of panels to the fence by screwing them to the bottom frame or base of the fence.

Hint: You can use timber fence palings to make this installation easier and more secure. Attach fence palings at regular intervals going from the top of the fence (capping) to the bottom (base). You can then simply staple or screw the panels onto the timber paling.



## Frequently asked questions

### Do you offer installation?

Yes, depending on your location. Please Contact Us to discuss your project further. If we are unable to offer installation, we will do our best to find a local installer or speak to your tradesperson to answer any questions they may have regarding installation.

### Can you come on-site to measure my wall and offer a quote?

Yes, depending on your location. For a fee of \$150 we will come to your site (depending on your location) to measure and consult with you about your project. A photoshop artwork depicting the final product is included in this fee, as well as your quotation.

Alternatively we will provide a free quote and suggestions if you provide the measurements and photo's of your area.

### What should I do with any offcuts?

You can choose to join your offcuts together using cable ties and use them as a separate feature, or you can recycle the offcuts. Check with your local council or waste transfer station regarding recycling soft plastics.

### Can I view the panels in person first?

We do not have a showroom. This allows us to pass savings on to you. We do offer free samples which can be ordered online through our website. Please feel free to Contact Us if you need any assistance ordering your free samples.



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**Thanks for taking a look through our installation guide. If there is anything you have any questions about, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us today. We look forward to hearing from you.**



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