

## Instructions and Assembly for Ashman Online Heavy-Duty Hot-Dipped Galvanization Hardware Cloth

### Materials Needed:

- Ashman Online Heavy-Duty Hot-Dipped Galvanization Hardware Cloth
- Scissors or wire cutters
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Gloves
- Marker or chalk
- Stakes, posts, or frames (depending on your application)
- Fasteners (staples, nails, screws, or zip ties)

### Safety Precautions:

1. **Wear gloves:** Always wear gloves when handling the hardware cloth to protect your hands from sharp edges.
2. **Use caution when cutting:** Be careful when cutting the hardware cloth to avoid injury from sharp edges.

### Step-by-Step Instructions:

#### Step 1: Measure and Plan

1. **Determine the area** you want to cover or protect with the hardware cloth. Measure the length and width of the area.
2. **Calculate the required amount** of hardware cloth based on your measurements. Ensure you have enough material to cover the entire area, including any overlaps or folds.

#### Step 2: Cutting the Hardware Cloth

1. **Lay out the hardware cloth** on a flat surface.
2. **Mark your measurements** on the hardware cloth using a marker or chalk. Ensure your measurements are accurate to avoid wastage.
3. **Cut the hardware cloth** along the marked lines using scissors or wire cutters. Cut carefully to maintain straight edges.

#### Step 3: Preparing the Installation Area

1. **Clear the installation area** of any debris, weeds, or obstacles that may interfere with the hardware cloth.
2. **Set up stakes, posts, or frames** if needed for your application (e.g., garden bed, fence, coop). Ensure they are securely anchored and evenly spaced.

#### Step 4: Attaching the Hardware Cloth

1. **Position the hardware cloth** against the area you want to cover or protect.
2. **Secure one end** of the hardware cloth to your stakes, posts, or frame using fasteners (staples, nails, screws, or zip ties). Start from the top or one corner.
3. **Pull the hardware cloth taut** to remove any slack or wrinkles. Ensure it is straight and aligned properly.
4. **Continue securing** the hardware cloth along the edges, spacing the fasteners evenly. Ensure the mesh is tightly attached to the support structure.

#### **Step 5: Finishing Touches**

1. **Trim any excess material:** Once the hardware cloth is securely attached, trim any excess material with scissors or wire cutters.
2. **Check for sharp edges:** Inspect the installation for any sharp edges or protruding wires. If necessary, use pliers to bend or twist the wires to prevent injury.
3. **Reinforce if needed:** For added stability, consider reinforcing the hardware cloth with additional fasteners at critical points.

#### **Applications:**

- **Garden Beds:** Protect your plants by creating a barrier around your garden beds.
- **Chicken Coops:** Secure your chicken coop by covering openings and creating enclosures.
- **Rabbit Fences:** Build a fence to keep rabbits and other small animals away from your crops.
- **Hedges and Flower Beds:** Use the hardware cloth to safeguard your hedges and flower beds from pests.
- **DIY Projects:** Create custom shapes and sizes for various DIY projects, such as compost bins, cages, or screens.

#### **Maintenance Tips:**

- **Regularly inspect** the hardware cloth for any signs of damage or wear. Repair or replace sections as needed.
- **Clean the hardware cloth** periodically to remove dirt, debris, and plant material. Use a garden hose or mild detergent if necessary.
- **Store any unused material** in a dry place to prevent rust and damage.

Ashman Online's Heavy-Duty Hot-Dipped Galvanization Hardware Cloth is designed for durability and versatility, making it an essential tool for your outdoor protection needs. Follow these instructions to ensure a successful and safe installation.