

## TINNEE'S 2 PIECE GOPHER CAGE (10" ROUND X 9 " DEEP)

### MATERIALS:

24" wide roll of 1/2 inch hardware cloth  
3" zip ties

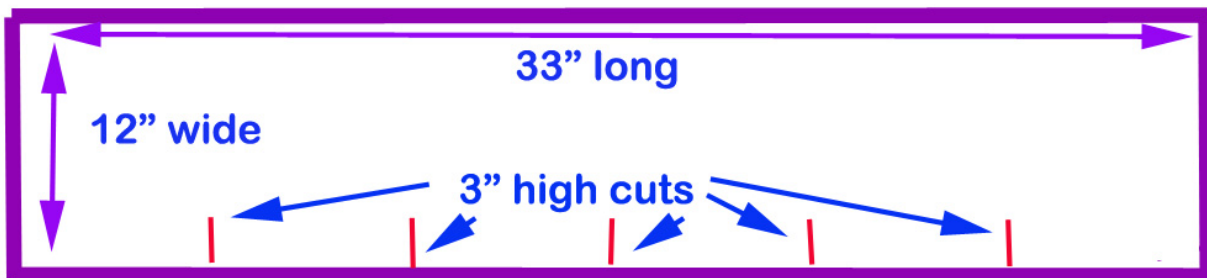
### TOOLS:

1 pair wire cutters  
1 pair gloves (cotton or leather)  
1 yardstick (or other measuring device)  
1 thick red sharpie  
4 bricks

### MEASURING AND CUTTING:

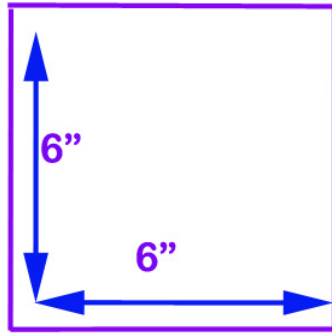
Each cage requires 1 piece 12" X 33" and 1 piece 6" X 6" hardware cloth, 2 zip ties

1. Decide how many cages you need. This determines how many feet of hardware cloth you need to buy.
2. For a 10" round X 9" deep cage you will need a sheet of 12" wide X 30"-33" long hardware cloth.
3. On a 24" roll of hardware cloth measure 33", mark with red sharpie and cut. Use the 4 bricks to hold down the hardware cloth. **ALWAYS WEAR COTTON OR LEATHER GLOVES.**



4. You now have a sheet of 24" X 33" which will give you 2 cage bodies. Measure 12" on the 24" side and cut, giving you 2 sheets 12" X 33".
5. Roll up the hardware cloth overlapping it 2", tie the top with a zip tie and measure 4" from the bottom and tie with a zip tie.

6. To make the folds, measure 3" from the bottom and make 5 cuts evenly spaced. Fold in after cutting.
7. The bottom piece is a 6" X 6" piece of hardware cloth. A piece of hardware cloth 6" X 24" will give you 4 bottoms.



#### INSTALLATION:

After digging the hole for the cage, place the bottom in first, then the cage on top.

*When I dig out the cage a year later, I pull out a bottomless cage. If I have to wash the dirt out there is no bottom that will hinder the flow of dirt, stones, and other debris, making the extraction of the tubers go easier.*

*Don't forget to retrieve the bottom for next year.*

