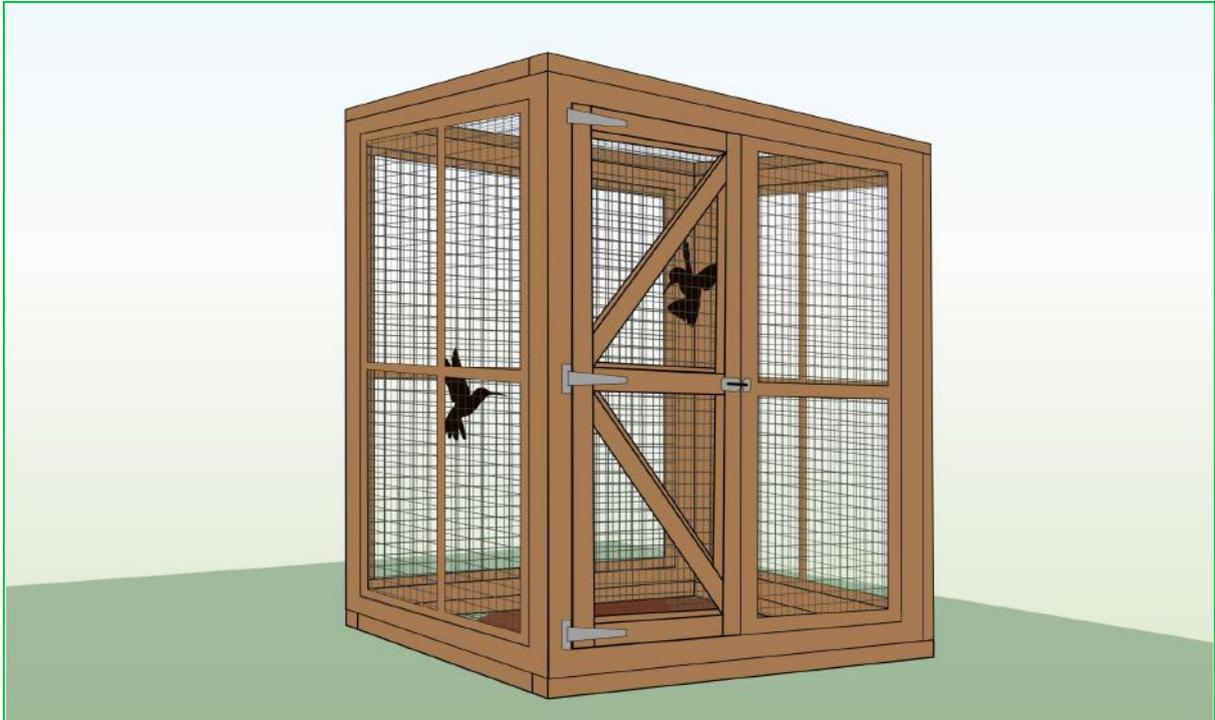


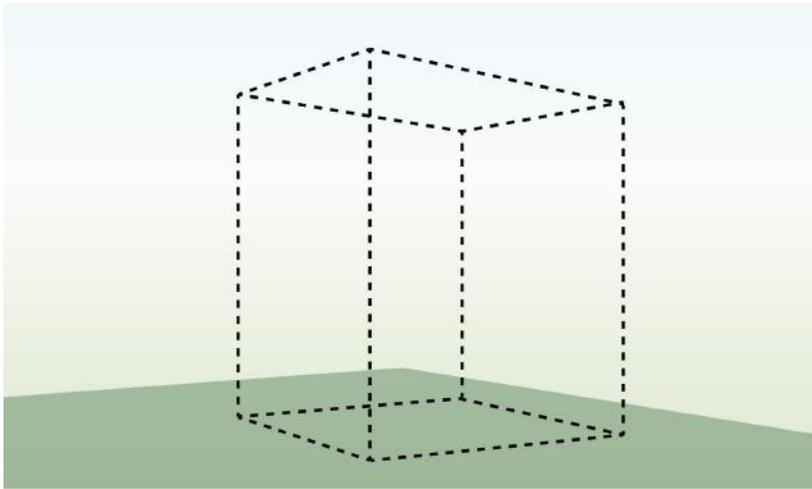
HOW TO BUILD AN OUTDOOR AVIARY



THINGS YOU'LL NEED

- Timber battens (like two-by-twos)
- [Aviary mesh](#)
- [Staples](#)
- Protective gloves
- Tape measure
- Marker
- Utility square
- Wire cutters
- Hammer
- Hacksaw
- Screws
- Drill
- 3x Hinges
- 1x Latch
- Gravel or sand

INSTRUCTIONS

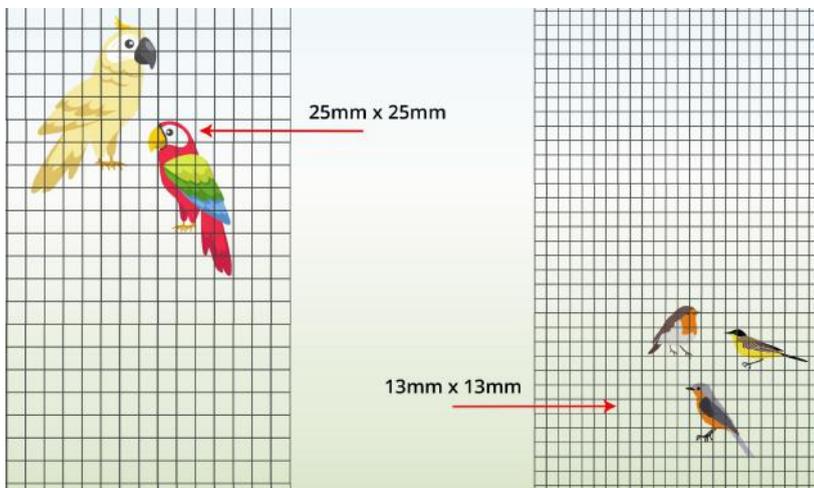


Step 1: Calculate & Plan Design

Measure your space and design your aviary accordingly.

Calculate its volume based on your birds' size and quantity, aiming for sufficient room for flying.

Also, plan and construct a door for easy cleaning access.



Step 2: Determine the Appropriate Hole Size & Gauge

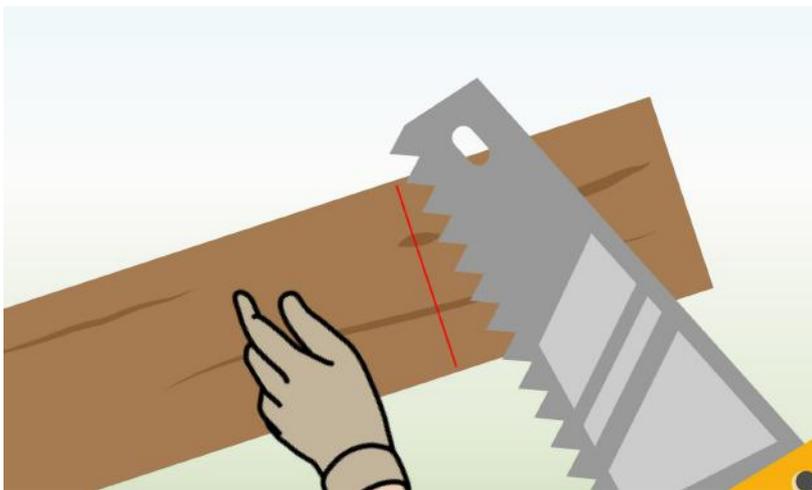
Depending on your bird's size, you can use:

- 13mm x 13mm holes for smaller birds like finches, budgies, doves, canaries, etc.
- 25mm x 25mm holes to prevent larger birds such as parrots, macaws, cockatoos, etc.
- Employ 1mm (19g) thick wire to prevent small birds from chewing through the mesh.
- Utilize 1.8mm (15g) thick wire to deter large birds from chewing through the mesh.



Step 3: Measure Wood

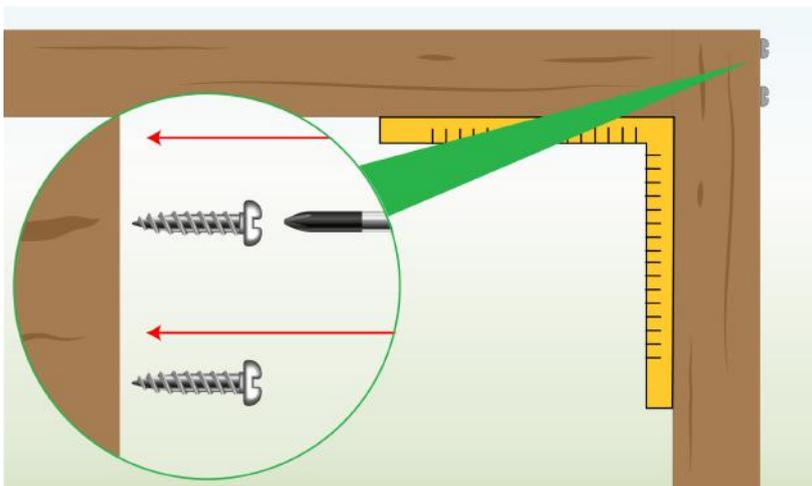
Take your treated timber battens along with a tape measure. Proceed to measure and mark the sections required to form the structural frames of the enclosure.



Step 4: Cut Battens

Use a stable surface to lay the battens on as you cut them to size with a hacksaw.

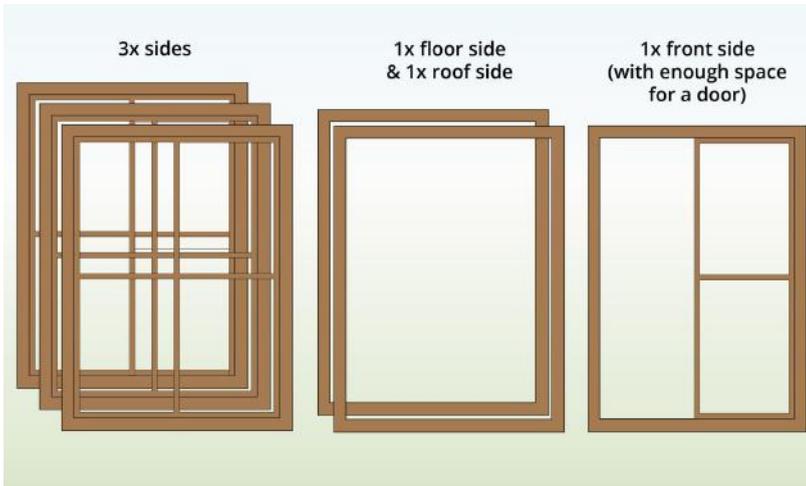
Ensure you wear protective gear during this process for safety.



Step 5: Join Battens Together

Use a utility square to ensure that your angles are precise. For an initial hold, consider using glue as you join the battens together with wood screws and a drill.

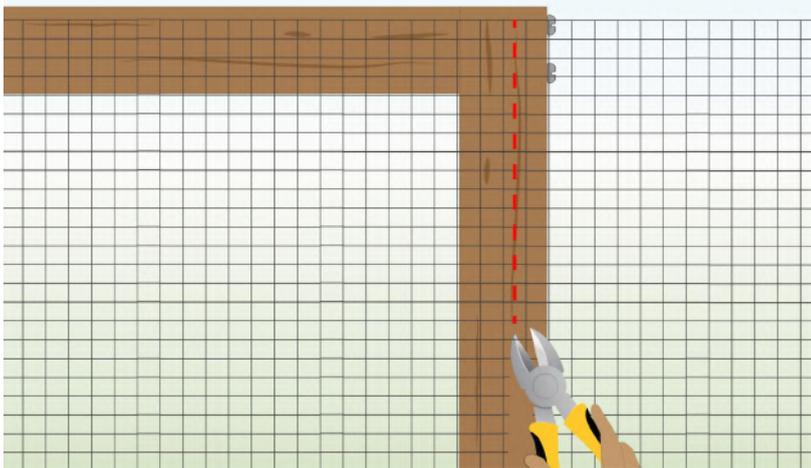
Important: Pre-drill and countersink your joints to achieve a flush and securely finished result!



Step 6: Construct Frames

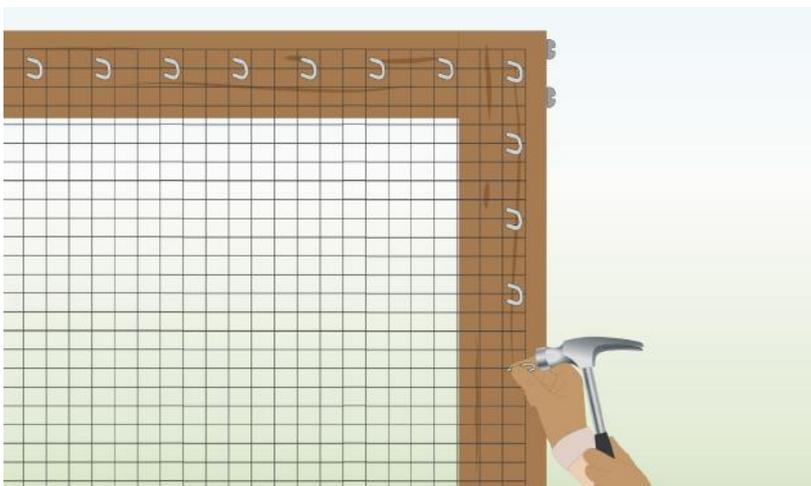
Follow your design plan and step 4-5 to craft all the necessary wooden frames for construction (create frames for both the roof and the floor).

Remember to allocate sufficient space for installing a door.



Step 7: Measure & Cut Mesh

Spread out the wire mesh over the frames and cut it along the wood, ensuring that the mesh extends beyond the wood to accommodate space for attachments such as staples.

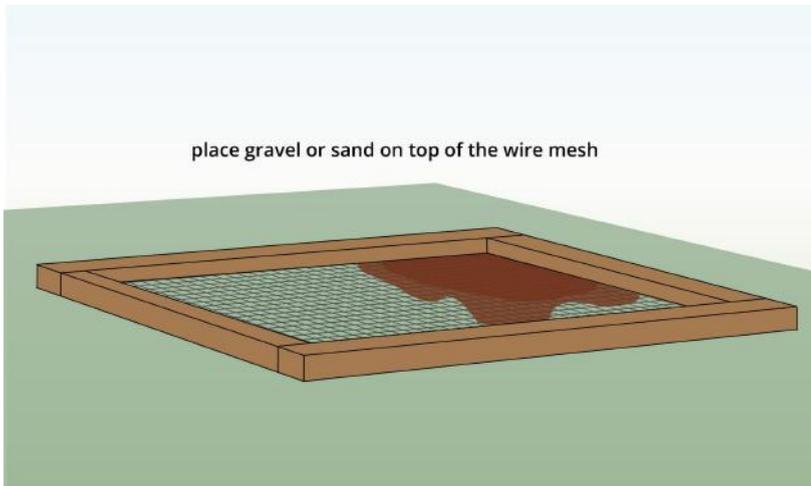


Step 8: Attach Netting to Frames

Use staples spaced at intervals no greater than 15cm and hammer them into the wood, securing the netting to the frames. Ensure that each side of the aviary, including the



bottom, has a corresponding piece of wire attached.



Step 9: Create a Floor

While it's possible to construct a concrete base for your aviary, this option demands considerable effort and is best suited for larger outdoor aviaries that necessitate a robust foundation. For standard outdoor aviaries, simply place gravel or sand atop the wire mesh.

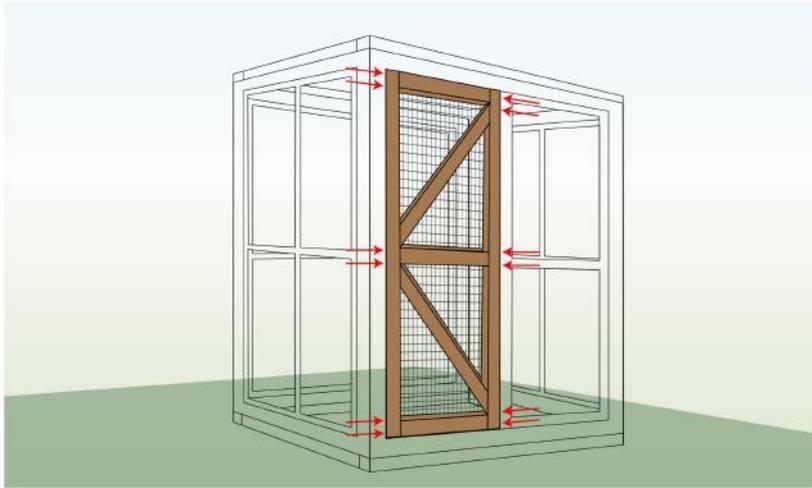


Step 10: Join Frames

Securely fasten the frames together using screws, ensuring a minimum of 4 points per side.

Important: Make sure the mesh attachments are facing outwards.

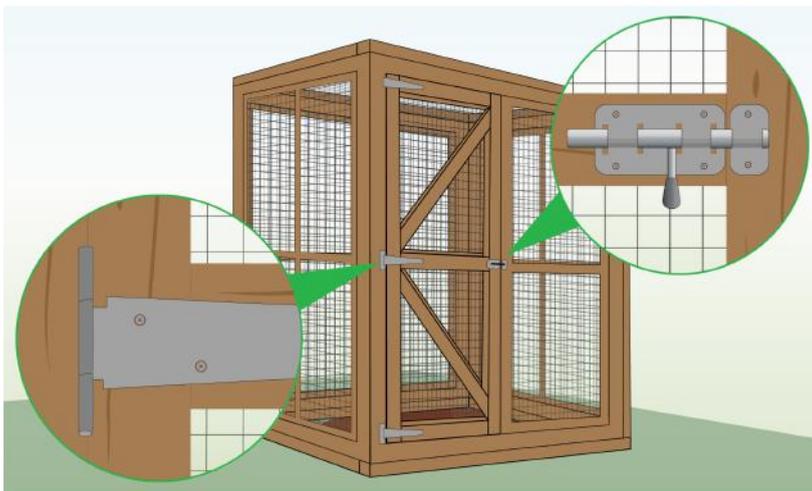
Note: Pre-drill and countersink your joins for a flush and secure finish!



Step 11: Create Door

Keep in mind that you'll need to enter the cage for cleaning, so it's better to have more space than less.

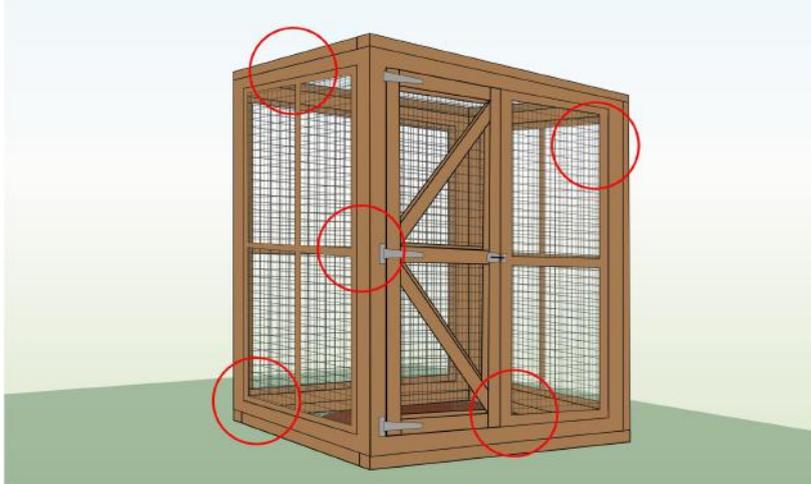
Construct the door in a similar manner to the rest of the structural frame, but include diagonal braces to enhance its durability.



Step 12: Attach Door

Affix three latches to the wooden frame using screws.

Additionally, screw in a latch to ensure the door remains securely closed.



Step 13: Check for Weak Spots

Your aviary should be ready now.

Thoroughly inspect all sides and joints to ensure that the frames and mesh are securely attached.

Ensure there are no gaps anywhere that birds could escape through, and verify that the door closes securely.

You're now ready to begin furnishing the aviary!