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✕ HOW TO ERECT GARDEN FENCE PANELS ✕



Your garden fence is an important part of your home. Fence panels are a simply way to offer a high quality, long lasting and aesthetical pleasing solution to enclose and enhance your garden.

Fence panels can be erected easily with the right tools, a bit of help and our step-by-step guide.

1 PREPARE YOUR AREA

Remove any old fencing, shrubs and plants that are along your boundary line or area you wish to put your fence.

Once your area is clear, use a string line to determine where your fence will go. Then measure and mark out where the centre of each post will be with marker pegs. For example, if you are using the most common 1.829m wide fence panels and your posts are 100mm wide, the centres of the posts will be 1.93m apart.

2 INSTALL FENCE POSTS

Dig a suitable hole for your posts, allowing for the height of the fence and gravel board. As a rough guide the hole should be a minimum $\frac{1}{3}$ the height of the fence. E.g. a 6' high fence would need a 8' post in a 2' deep hole. Similarly, the hole should be three times the diameter of the post.

Place the post into the hole, ensure the post is in the correct position using a spirit level then use temporary wooden props to hold the post into place. Repeat this process along the length of the fence. Fix the posts into place using fast-setting Post-Mix Concrete.

3 FITTING GRAVEL BOARDS

To prevent the panel from rotting gravel boards are fitted to the base of the panel. Measure and cut 25mm or 50mm thick boards to fit between the posts. Fix them with countersunk screws or nails inserted at an angle into the posts.

4 FITTING THE FENCE PANELS

Panels now need to be nailed onto the post. Measure and mark with a pencil 6 evenly-spaced marks down both sides of the fence panel's framing. Then drill pilot holes into the pencilled marks, to help guide the nail and prevent it from splitting the wood.

Lay a spirit level on the top of the fence panel to check it's perfectly horizontal. Once it's level, hammer a nail into the pilot hole in the batten framing into the fence post. Repeat for all of the pilot holes on this panel until the whole panel is secured.

Attach the second fence panel to the fence post using the same method.

Continue working this way until all the fence panels are in place. Remember to keep checking that the panels are level and straight using a spirit level.