

## Heavy Duty Fruit Cage with Door Instructions



### Assembling the Cage Frame

1. Position the cage on reasonably flat pre-prepared ground, particularly where the feet will be set.
2. Gather the standard 2m tubes (part A). Some tubes will form the horizontal frame of the cage while others will form the vertical "legs." One tube will be marked with a sticker (A\*) and have drilled holes in the side – Retain this to use as the corner leg which will have the door frame attached to it. Push the spiked feet (part D) into one end of the tubes that will form the legs.
3. Insert 3-way corner connectors (part G) into the other end of 4 vertical tubes (including the one marked A\*) – this forms the corner legs of the cage. If you have a larger cage with 2+ sections, push 4-way connectors (part F) into the tubes that will form the centre legs of the cage.
4. Push the feet into the ground to a depth of the feet plus 50-100mm of the leg. **Ensure the corner leg marked A\* is at the relevant corner of the cage with the sticker facing outwards** – this will align the drilled holes in the correct position and allow you to attach the door later. Angle all the legs slightly towards the centre. This makes it easier to attach the horizontal tubes
5. Gather the remaining 2m tubes (part A) and the two smaller tubes (parts B & C). Reserve one 2m tube for the door frame. The rest of the tubes will form the horizontal frame of the cage.

- Parts B & C form the horizontal frame above the door – part C on the left and part B on the right. Join parts B & C together using the 3-way T connector (part E) and then attach to the vertical tubes. Take the 2m tube you have reserved for the door frame and insert a spiked foot (part D) in one end. Push foot into ground as per instruction 4 and attach the other end of the tube to the 3-way T connector (part E). You will now have two closely spaced vertical tubes that form the frame of the door. Use a spirit level to ensure these two tubes are vertical – this will allow you to attach the door kit properly.
- Attach the remaining 2m horizontal tubes to the vertical tubes. Horizontal and vertical tubes will now be connected and the basic cage frame will be complete.
- Starting from one side, unroll the large net (part Z) over the cage, pull tight and fold the corners neatly. (Note: if your cage is greater than 4m long, you will need to overlap lengths of net. Net Connectors for securely linking pieces of net are available to buy on our website).
- Secure the bottom of the net with the plastic net pegs (part Y).

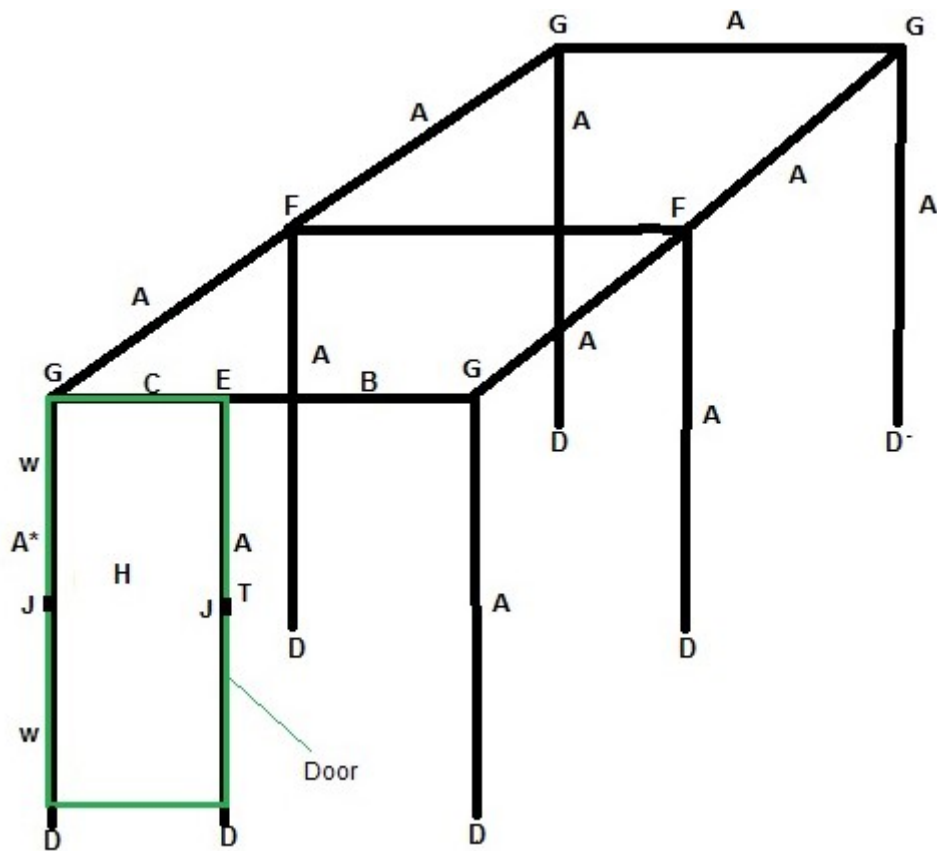
### **Fitting the Door Kit**

- Ensure the door leg is on the left-hand side of the cage with the identification sticker (A\*) facing outwards. Join the two halves of the door frame (part H) together using the straight connectors (part J). Use a mallet if necessary.
- Cut a 1.5 metre (5ft) vertical slit in the netting from the ground upwards where the centre of the door will be. Pull the netting back to create an opening and secure using the S clips (part X).
- Fix the hinges (part W) to the left side of the vertical tube (part A\*) using the nuts and bolts provided.
- Hold the door up to the door frame to ensure height and position are correct. Decide on the exact height that you want for the door to be and mark where you will need to drill holes in the frame to accept the hinges.
- Wrap the small piece of net (part V) tightly around the door and fix with S clips (part X) until the net is secure.
- Attach the door to the hinges using the supplied nuts and bolts.
- Align the door latch (part T) with the hole on the outer face of the door. Attach the latch to the hole with the small screw. Drill a 3mm hole in the nearest vertical tube, in line with the latch. Insert the large screw into the 3mm hole. Close the latch over the screw to secure the door

### **TIPS**

- In very windy conditions, push vertical tubes into the ground to a depth of the feet plus 150-200mm of the leg, if possible
- Cable ties or net clips can be used to hold netting more firmly
- If you are assembling the cage over a wooden bed, you can staple 3 sides of the net to the wood
- All parts are fully weatherproof but can be easily stored in winter. Remove connectors from tubes, wipe and dry all parts, and store tubes vertically to allow water drainage

Cage Diagram (shows 4m x 2m cage – your cage may vary)



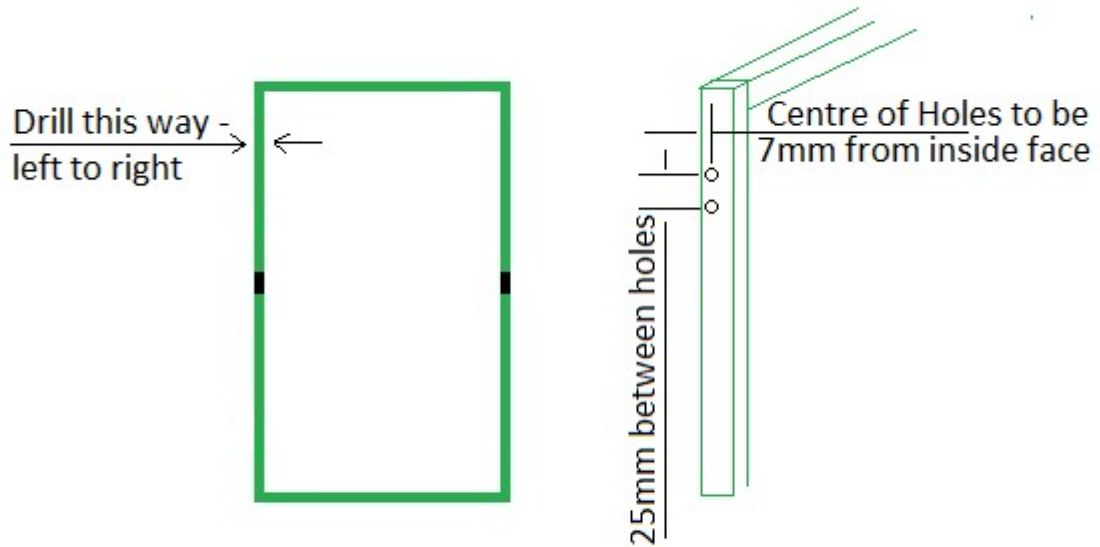
PARTS

Part	Description
A	Standard 2m tubes
A*	Standard 2m tube (drilled for hinges; forms part of the door frame)
B	Right hand door horizontal tube
C	Left hand door horizontal tube
D	Spiked feet
E	3-way T connectors
F	4-way connectors (note: only on larger cages with 2+ sections)
G	3-way corner connectors
H	Door frame (2 parts)
J	Straight connectors (door)
T	Latch kit
V	Door netting (smaller piece of netting)
W	Door hinge kit (2 hinges)
X	S clips
Y	Net pegs
Z	Cage netting (larger piece(s) of netting)

## Drilling Hinge holes in the door frame

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### HD Cage Door drilling hinge holes



You will need to drill 2 pairs of 5mm holes in the door frame to accept the hinges. Drill left to right, not front to back. The hole centres in each pair should be 25mm apart and 7mm from the inner face of the door frame

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