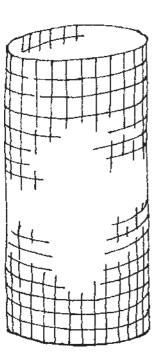
## **Tree Guards**

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Type 1Description: Weldmesh tree guardmade from F 42 mesh.Circumference: 4 metres.Height: 2.4 metres.

These tree guards are made from F 42 weldmesh. This mesh is available from Tubemakers in Alice Springs and is supplied in 30 metre rolls.

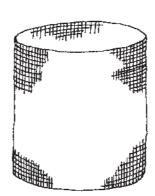
This is a very large tree guard and is used when the tree needs to grow tall before the guard is taken away.

This guard is used around store buildings and in public places where there are a lot of people and the tree needs a lot of protection.

Wire netting can be wrapped around the outside of the tree guard if the tree needs protecting from rabbits.

Roll the mesh out and cut it across the width one square past the 4 metre mark so the guard can be joined.

Smaller guards can be made with this same size mesh.



Type 2 Description: *Wire mesh tree guard made from 1.3 mm galvanised wire by 25 mm by 25 mm squares*. Circumference: *3 metres*. Height: *900 mm*.

These tree guards are made from 90 cm wide x 25mm x 25mm x 1.3mm Waratah galvanised welded fabric. This mesh is available from Tubemakers in Alice Springs and is supplied in 50 metre rolls.

This tree guard is very good to use around fruit trees because the tree can begin to spread out at a low height inside the guard.

The 25mm squares makes it rabbit proof and it sits easily on the ground or on mulch around the tree.

Roll the mesh out and cut it across the width at 3.3 metres. The 0.3 metre tail is for overlapping and making the join. Wire clips can be used to make the join complete.

Smaller guards can be made for other trees and vines.



Type 3Description: Plastic mesh treeguard made from black plastic with20 mm by 20 mm squares.Circumference: 920 mm.Height: 700 mm.

Nylex produces a black plastic mesh tree guard called "Contract Tree Guard". It is supplied in 30 metre rolls and is a continuous tube.

Roll the plastic mesh out and cut across the width every 700mm. This height is suitable for keeping out rabbits. However when drought conditions prevail, rabbits will eat through the plastic and ring bark the tree inside. This has happened in a few isolated cases.

Once the guard is cut from the roll, expand it into a circular shape to fit around the tree.

These guards are small and yet they are quick and easy to use when planting new trees. Once the tree is established the guard can be removed and re-used or stored away for further use. Stakes are needed to support this guard.