

The netting with 1 1/4" mesh squares is perfect for making a low-cost and tangle-free trellis suitable for peas, beans, squash, cucumbers, and other vining plants. However, we have had a few reports of birds getting tangled in this size of netting when it is draped over plants to shield fruits and vegetables from birds. To prevent this, pull the netting tight and close it at the bottom. Additionally, the 1/2" mesh size is more suited as protection netting to keep marauding animals and even the smallest birds off new plantings.

Pulling the netting tight eliminates excess folds in which birds may get tangled. Closing the netting at the bottom prevents birds from getting underneath the net where they will inevitably fly up toward the light and get caught. For applications such as for a berry patch, simply bring the netting right down to ground level, anchor it, and be sure to eliminate any entry points.

Should a bird get caught in the netting, carefully cut the netting just enough to free the bird, then repair the netting as needed.

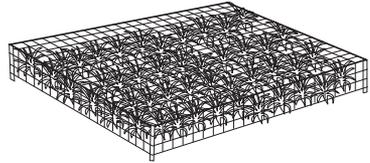


Figure 1: The netting is correctly pulled tight over a frame to protect a berry patch. The netting is also anchored to the ground so birds can't get underneath the net.

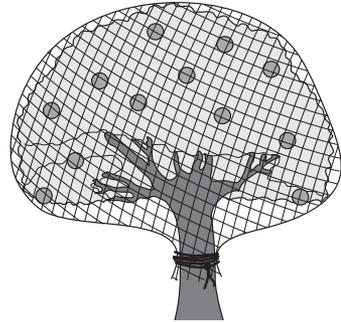


Figure 2: When using netting on a fruit tree, it is better to gather the net at the bottom, pull it snug and tie it around the trunk, rather than leave it loose and open at the bottom.



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