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"Cat netting, Enclosures and Accessories at Affordable Prices"



Catnets.com.au is your one stop shop for DIY cat netting installations. We aim to be able to provide not only cat netting, but also the accessories and assistance required to successfully Do-It-Yourself. This booklet aims to outline the basic methods for cat netting installation. We realise that each installation is different, however most netting can be installed quite simply and successfully with our range of DIY products.

Why Spend Thousands? On average, the total cost of D.I.Y netting and accessories to enclose a medium sized enclosure would be under \$250.

Catnets.com.au Netting

- Netting, opposed to wire is much easier to work with. You won't need any heavy duty equipment, and the netting can be cut and manipulated to fit your precise measurements
- Our Low-Vis netting is barely noticeable once it is up
- Cat netting from catnets.com.au is affordable with standard pricing at \$3.50 per Sq metre
- Cats love the soft feel of netting
- It is all UV treated for long lasting, continued usage outdoors
- Our netting is very strong... See below photo...



Look at this large, sharp clawed male Koala climbing our 19mm netting with no problem at all!

Included in our range of products is:

- Cat netting By-The-Metre - **We have 19mm and 40mm mesh sizes**
- Freestanding Enclosures
- Entry / Exit Zippers
- Stainless Steel Wire Rope and related accessories
- Net Clips and Net Nails
- Fence poles / brackets
- Binding twine
- Net Edging Rope
- UV treated cable ties

Please check the DIY page of the website for up to date pricing on these products.

[How do I know what to order?](#)

- The first step is measure the area you wish to cover with netting. For example if you plan on enclosing a verandah, you wish to note down the height of the verandah and the total length of netting you will need to wrap around completely. Similarly if you are enclosing a side alley or perimeter fence, you will need to take note of the required width and length of the run. Don't forget to look at our current specials for some bargain nets and accessories.
- Note the available widths of our netting. Our available widths change from time to time, however we generally carry 1.2m, 1.8m, 3m, 5m and 10m wide netting rolls. These are the fixed widths and you simply need to calculate how many metres of "length" you need. You can then cut the nets to fit your exact requirements. Please check the "cat-netting-by-the-metre" web page for the latest detailed information on available widths.

- Which Netting should I use? We supply two types of nets. Our LOW-VIS netting is made of a thin twine and as a result is less noticeable once installed. It gains its strength from having a small 19mm x 19mm hole size. The Low-Vis netting is used in all professionally built enclosures, and accounts for 95% of all cat enclosure netting used.

Our 40mm netting features larger 40mm x 40mm holes, and gains its strength from a thick and heavy duty twine. It is however, not suitable for “chewing” cats. The larger holes allow a cat to place its jaw through the netting, and get its back teeth in position to chew the netting.

The 19mm in all but special circumstances is the recommended netting

- Take note of how you plan to attach the netting to the varying surfaces. This will help you decide on what accessories you will need if any. Best thing to do here is to have the actual person who plans to install it take a look at some previous jobs in our image gallery and get some ideas. They can also read on, where we will outline the most commonly used methods of fixing netting.

Planning the Installation

The netting will need to be firmly attached to ensure that your cat enclosure is safe. The netting can be attached via several different methods, depending on the type of surface involved.

Can I cut the net to size? Indeed you can! All you require is a sharp pair of scissors and you're away. It is always better to overestimate your netting requirements, as coming up short can be troublesome requiring either net joining or reordering. When cut, the net will not fray or unravel.

This booklet is designed as a guide only. Alternative installation methods and/or materials may be required for your individual enclosure. Upon completion of your cat netting enclosure, Catnets recommends monitoring your cats within the enclosure for a period of time to assess overall behavior. We also recommend checking with neighbours and or council regulations in regards to your planned enclosure.

The website's image gallery, complete with over 1000 images online is also a great resource for you to observe how similar DIY projects were completed successfully.

Attaching to Timber

Net Attachment U-nails

These galvanised nails are used to attach netting to Timber surfaces.

The nails can be attached directly to the netting, however Catnets recommends "edging" your net beforehand with black rope. Our 5mm black poly rope is weaved in and out of the edge of the net to create a neat and strong seam.

The U-Nails are then placed over the rope and net together, and hammered into position.

U-Nails are generally spaced at 4 per metre when used in conjunction with the edging rope.

It is a simple, effective and affordable option for timber surfaces.

They are available in packs of 40

Attaching netting to timber using U-Shaped Nails / Edging the rope prior to using U-Nails



Netting "edged" with black rope then U-Nailed into position



Attaching to Hard Surfaces (Concrete, Brick, Tiles, Timber, Metal Fencing & Guttering)

Wire Rope Fixing Method

This method gives an extremely professional finish, and is the most commonly utilized method for cat enclosure netting installations. This method involves the installation of a tensioned wire rope which is installed as a framework for net hanging. The netting is then attached to the rope using our NET-CLIPS or cable ties.

Only a basic level of handyman work is required, and most customers can successfully install a wire rope system.



STEP 1

Eyelets are installed along the run spaced at 1 per metre:

- Screw Eyelets for timber
- Dynabolt Eyelets for Brick, Concrete etc
- Colorbond Eyelets for metal fences and guttering etc
- Bolts Eyelets for brackets or fences

STEP 2:

The wire rope is then fed through the eyelets, and secured at one end using a Wire Rope Grip. At the other end, the wire rope is attached to a "turnbuckle" using the same method, and tightened. You should now be left with a taught wire rope framework. When using only one turnbuckle, distances of up

to 20metres are recommended. If you place a turnbuckle at each end we recommend distances up to 30m, before you lose tension.

STEP 3:

Once the rope is tensioned, you can then simply attach the netting to the rope using our net clips or cable ties. For best results, FOLD the last 2 meshes of your netting over before attaching. This gives you some added strength at the edge. Black Edging Rope can also be used to "edge" the netting before attaching to the wire. Take note, when using the black net clips once they are closed they are locked permanently.

WHY USE THE CLIPS? The wire rope itself is very abrasive, and if netting is hung off of it directly, can rub and eventually tear the netting. These SPECIALLY DESIGNED net clips, have a small divider which ensures the netting can not come into contact with the wire. They are very heavy duty!





Attaching to grass / dirt

The most effective method for this is to weave a length of our Black Edging Rope through the last two meshes of the net, and then secure the rope to the ground using tent pegs. The alternative method is to place a heavy piece of timber along the ground, and then use the U-Nails to attach.

Installing Fence Poles and Brackets

(Though proven effective on hundreds of enclosures each year, you must still exercise judgement if this type of system is appropriate for your yard and your cat.)

Our angled fence brackets are heavy duty galvanised metal posts. They are not a toy. These are for a long term, professional finish. Installation of these brackets will be dependant on the type of fencing. They can be attached to most types of fences including timber and colorbond, assuming they are in a reasonable condition. Each bracket weighs about 2.5kg. If your fence can't support these brackets, they may be ordered in a longer length and inserted into the ground. For installation of fence brackets we

recommend the consultation of a local handyman (or helpful friend or relative) to advise or help you install the brackets safely and securely.

How far apart do I put the brackets? For best results, we generally recommend no more than 3m apart. Most installations involve the fixing of 1 bracket per existing fence post.

Once the brackets are installed, the netting is then attached to the brackets using our UV treated cable ties. A stainless steel wire rope is then fed through the pre-drilled holes at the tip and angled junction of the brackets. The wire rope is tensioned and the netting then attached to the wire using small cable ties. The wires running between posts help keep the netting taught, and helps eliminate sagging between posts.

Cats can jump exceptionally well, and as a result we recommend not having your fence posts any lower than 1.8m total height. It works on the premise of a cat not wanting to climb upside down on an unstable surface. You know your cat better than us, and you will probably have a better understanding of its jumping capabilities.



Zipper Installation

Our Zippers are supplied on a DIY basis, and come in kit form ready for installation.

This kit comes not only with the zipper, but also with the appropriate binding twine and needle. Installation of a standard sized zipper generally takes about 40 minutes. First, we suggest erecting the netting as planned. Once the net is taught, you then plan the location of the zipper.

Our zippers are an open-ended zipper meaning they don't have a STOP at each end. How we stop the slider sliding off the end is either by folding the zipper over the netting and itself at each end, or by sewing off the end using the binding twine as a stop. We therefore recommend not running the zip all the way to the bottom or top of your net. It works therefore more as a "step-through" style door. Always leave at least 2-3 meshes top and bottom as not to sacrifice the strength and integrity of the net.

For the heavy-duty 40mm x 40mm mesh cat netting, the zipper fits nicely within 1 single mesh of the netting. When using the 19mm Low-Vis netting, the zipper fits neatly across two meshes of the net. The zippers are supplied as a endless Zip, and as a result are available in any length you require. The twine is looped through the eye of the supplied needle and then used to sew the zipper onto the netting by hand. The needle can be pushed through the zipper material, looped around the netting and then repeated as you work your way along the length of zipper. 1-2 Loops per mesh is suggested, with extra reinforcing recommended at the ends.

If you require a larger access door, you can purchase an L-Shaped ZipperDoor. This allows your zipper to open like a flap and allows easier access for lawnmower/furniture etc. The method of installation is to have the two zips meet on a "common" mesh, which would in turn open like a flap. NOTE: Take care to ensure both your zips are opening outwards / upwards to create the opening. The slider obviously opens in one direction only, so make sure it is going in the right direction before you start sewing.

[Other more general questions regarding catnets.com.au](http://catnets.com.au)

Do you ship across Australia?

YES. We ship Australia wide, and dispatch all orders from our Sydney warehouse. Upon receipt of payment, orders are generally shipped same day. We also ship Internationally upon request.

How long will my order take to arrive, and how much will the freight cost?

Orders are shipped generally shipped same day (excluding freestanding enclosures). To eastern capital cities, orders arrive in average within 1-3 days. Western Australia, Tasmania, S.A and N.T customers can generally expect delivery in 4-5 days. The postage price will be determined by your postcode and the weight of your parcel. On average, most orders cost less than \$20 for postage.

How much will my cat- enclosure cost?

Catnets.com.au offers products for D.I.Y installations at a fraction of the price of other retailers. On average, self installations cost less than half of those fully installed. The majority of self installations cost less than \$250. Catnets.com.au provides all its pricing online, so a rough costing can be done before ordering. We have all our prices available online, as we are confident we have the lowest prices available.

How are your prices so low?

Catnets.com.au nets are operated as a trading business of one of Australias largest netting importers, Haverford Pty Ltd. Haverford was established in 1888, and has supplied netting for events including the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Expo '88, as well as netting for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Taronga Zoo. With suppliers worldwide, we have access to a variety of netting products and suppliers. We stringently test and assess our nets to ensure they are of the utmost quality. Our bulk purchasing and buying power, along with the fact that you are dealing direct with the importer, ensure we can supply cat enclosure nets at low prices.

Are there minimum orders?

No. Whether you need netting to enclose your entire yard or simply need 1m x 1m, we can help.

I am renting, and want an enclosure that won't damage existing structures?

We offer freestanding enclosures which are ideal for balcony's and patios. We also have products such as our netting-enclosure-system which help minimise drilling into structures. Contact us for further advice.

Is your netting long lasting and high quality?

Catnets.com.au is so confident in our netting products, we are more than happy to send samples for your inspection. All our cat nets are:

- UV stabilised for continued outdoor usage
- Pre-Stretched to avoid sagging and stretching over time
- Made with Heat-Strengthened knots to avoid knot slipping

Our cat netting is used by independent enclosure builders and other netting retailers across Australia.

Why should I enclose my cat?

Research has shown that the overwhelming majority of incidents involving cats occur at night. These studies have also shown that cats restricted at night live up to 3 years longer on average. Contrary to popular belief, cats can live and enjoy a happy and healthy life when properly contained within the backyard.

By enclosing your cat you can help eliminate risk of the following issues:

- Injured in fights
- Hit by cars
- Become lost
- Catch diseases
- Neighbourhood nuisance issues
- Legal requirements
- Wildlife safety

Recent Customer Reviews

"Hi Catnets!

Just wanted to share our success story with you...

About a month ago I ordered some low vis netting and other supplies from you... and here is the end product! We enclosed a small area of the garden for our cat to use. Needless to say he loves it and now we can't get him to come out! We've added a large flap (using industrial velcro) for human access as the cat door is via bifold windows which, from time to time, we'd like to open. We also found that a staple gun came in handy!

All up our enclosure cost \$322 - not bad considering *-* quoted us several thousand to do the same thing!

Thanks very much for the inspiration, know how and products to allow us to make a great place for our beloved moggy. "

"The house is over 125 years old, and we needed to retain the character, which meant it had to blend in. As you'll see, the low-vis netting is so unobtrusive that if you don't know it's there, you don't really notice it, which is great. Fortunately my landlady knows and loves my cats as much as I do, so their safety was also of importance to her. They (the cats) now feel safe enough from the traffic and the people wandering past to sit on the verandah, and night time is now a fine time for cats to sit in the cool evening breeze and relax. :-) The net is secured using screw-in cuphooks top and bottom, and timber screwed onto the posts to secure the edges. I haven't managed to put up any hammocks or such as yet, they've got their armchairs and the plants to sit in. :-) When the house is locked up the cats can still get in and out through the windows - they fit between the security bars - and the chairs are positioned to make window access easy. I have yet to do the back verandah, which is a bit smaller, but the basic premise will be the same - except as there are no doors on the back verandah, I'll be using the zips and netting to secure the doorway. The cats are very happy with the netting - their friendly humans can fit fingers through for petting and sometimes biting, but they're still safe from people they don't know. The local lizard population (and other wildlife) are also safe, and I don't have to spend weekends rescuing lizards. All in all it's great for everyone, and I have the peace of mind of knowing my catpanions are safe but can still enjoy being semi-outdoors. :-) Thanks heaps!!!"

"Hi All, I wanted to show you my cat cage. I ordered your cat netting special for October \$199 and I bought a gazebo for \$229. I can also use the gazebo as well when I move. As you can see I really can't do too much with the yard as we are only renting. This was the best option as I didnt want my cat to be wondering the neighbourhood. This way she can chase flies, roll around on the concrete/dirt or eat some of the grass!! She loves it. There was plenty of the netting and it arrived within 1 day. Thankyou for having such a great product and having great customer service. "

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- Become aware of new catnet products and accessories
- Discuss ideas and building methods with other members

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