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## **BUILDING A WIRE MESH COMPOST BIN**

### Materials:

- Welded Hardware Cloth, Galvanized, 19 Gauge 1/2" Mesh, 36" by 10' Cost approximately \$23
- Two 1x4 boards each 6' long Cost approximately \$7
- Two 3" Hook & Eye Gate Clasps Costs approximately \$3
- 20 1-1/2" wood screws to hold the wood pieces together.

### Construction:

Wear gloves and eye protection.

Cut the two 1x4's into 3' lengths.

Roll out the Welded Hardware Cloth (WHC) onto a flat surface.

Attach the 1x4's to either end of the WHC like a sandwich with the WHC in the middle.

I like to staple the WHC to one 1x4 to hold it in place.

Insert 5 wood screws on each side of the 1x4 sandwich.

Repeat this step at the opposite end of the WHC.

Install the two hook & eye's 7" to 8" from the top and bottom of the 1x4's.

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