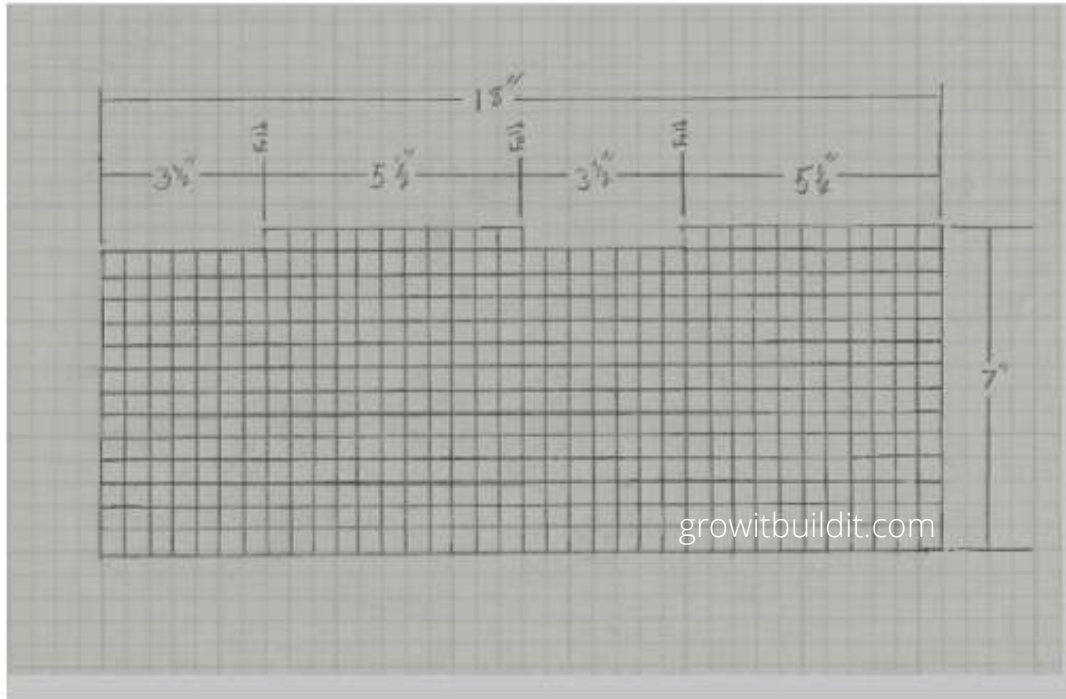


Process to make a Noel Guard for a birdhouse

1 – Using wire clippers, or pliers, cut out a 7"x18" rectangle from a roll of 1/2" hardware cloth



2 – Trim out 1/2" from the width in two 3-1/2" sections per the drawing shown



3 – Use a 2x4 or board to make the folds as indicated in the drawing

4 – Using pliers (two sets helps), joining the two sides to complete the rectangle. Use the pliers to hook, or overlay the wires. Also, use waste hardware cloth from step 2 to tie around the seam.



5 – Splay out the 5-1/2" sections so that it can be mounted directly to a birdhouse.

6 – Pry the cut off tangs outward to protect the birds. The sharp points will also deter predators such as snakes, raccoons, and squirrels.



7 – Install the guard to the nest box using #8-1/2" sheet metal (gutter) screws and #10 washers. Make sure you drill pilot holes to avoid splitting the wood!

