

Building A Gourd Arbor by Cecile Garrison

Anticipate adding additional sections because it is hard not to. This arbor has grown from eight feet long to twenty at the latest count.

A four foot long, seven to ten foot tall arbor will support many varieties of gourds some weighing up to thirty pounds each, provide a cool place to rest, and add drama to the home garden.

For less than \$50.00 and a few hours of labor.

A strong, inexpensive backyard arbor may be constructed with:

- 2 eight foot 4x4 pressure treated posts
- 2 eight foot 2x6 boards
- 1 four foot wide x 16 foot long panel of welded metal fencing
- a few screws and staples, a hammer, post-hole diggers and screwdriver.



Cut the eight-foot posts in half and bury them in 18” deep holes four feet apart and ten feet across. Add quick acting concrete covered with water around the posts. Allow the postholes to set overnight. The next day attach the two by six boards to each set of posts with screws. Bend the fence panel in half between the two sets of posts and attach one side then the other to the two by six boards with staples.



The arbor in this picture will be two sections or eight feet long when complete. One four foot section can be built for under \$50.00.

