

BASEBALL TURTLES



Home Plate Cage

<u>Part Description</u>	<u># Pieces</u>
A. Net	1
B. Framing – Arc section with insert connection With male swivel fitting attached	2
C. Framing – Arc section without insert With male swivel fitting attached	2
D. Framing – Legs with insert connection With male swivel fitting attached	4
E. Side Support Crossbars With female swivel fittings attached	8
F. Leg Boots	4
G. Foam Sleeve Wrap (4’)	16
G. Eye Bolts with nuts & washers	10
Eye Bolts with Adjustable Straps	4
H. 3/8” x 1” Hex Bolts with nuts & washers	8
I. Top & Side Connecting Support Ropes	7
J. Back - Ground Support Rope – 17’	1

Assembly Instructions

1. Lay out the cage net with the vinyl sleeves running side to side rather than end to end. Be sure the Velcro openings on the sleeves are facing upwards.

2. It is now time to connect the tubing and insert into the vinyl sleeves.

*** Tips for easy assembly:**

- (1) The arc sections of tubing are of two types; one plain ended and the other with an insert connection.
- (2) The tubing slides together with relative ease, however to improve the connection, apply a light layer of lubrication.
- (3) When sliding any parts together, apply pressure in a straight line and twist.
- (4) Tighten all bolts snugly. Tightening bolts too tight may strip the threads or bend the tubing.
- (5) If the holes do not line up properly, the insert tube may have been pushed in during shipment. Loosen the nut on the insert tube, make your connection, and then retighten.

Identify and separate the arc sections that have an insert connection. Connect the arc sections by inserting either end of the plain arc into the arc section with the insert tube. Bolt together with an eyebolt using a washer on one side of the tube. Be sure the eye bolt is at a right angle with the tubing and is facing what will be the outside of the cage.

Insert each arc through the side Velcro openings in the vinyl sleeves and slowly feed the tubing through the sleeve until the connecting eye bolt at the top of the arc is directly under the center Velcro flap. The side support bar fitting should be facing up and would be facing towards the center of the cage when standing.

Insert the leg's insert end into the pre-slit opening on the bottom of the vinyl sleeve. Feed the legs into the sleeve until they connect into the bottom or the arc sections. Align the holes and bolt with eyebolts with adjustable straps following the same guidelines as before. Again, side support bar fitting should be facing up.

5. Attach the side cross bars to the fittings on the framework. These have been pre-attached and numbered for your convenience. Use 3/8" x 1" bolt with washer and nut. The longer crossbar is always attached to the bottom of the leg and the shorter crossbar is attached to the arc fitting. This connection should be snug but do not overtighten as this fitting will need to swivel. Bring these support bars together, alongside of leg, and connect the adjustable strap. This will prevent them from falling when standing up the cage.

6. Standing the cage should be done with a minimum of 4 people but 6 people are preferable. With a person on each leg raise each framework to a standing position. While holding vertical have your other helpers release the support bars from the adjustable straps. It is recommended you do one side at a time. Then attach these bars to the corresponding framework in a criss-cross fashion. One bar is swaged and will accept a straight bar. Connect all the criss-cross support bars.

7. Attach the ropes to the eyebolts on each side of the arc at the leg/arc connection and at the bottom of the leg. This will lock the support bars in place. It is necessary to snap the rope end onto the eyebolt above the sleeve and then weave the rope under the net until the other arc. Again, bring the rope end up through the net and make the connection with the snap to the eyebolt above the sleeve. Continue this until all the ropes are connected.

After the cage is standing, a stepladder must be used to connect the top support ropes.

There is an additional 17' rope that should be attached from one back left leg to the back right leg. This will keep the back of the cage from spreading.

8. Foam sleeve wrapping has been provided for your safety. Velcro each pad wrap over all the cross support bars on the sides of the cage. When folding up these will need to be removed to allow separation.

- *To take down your cage, simply follow the assembly instructions in reverse order. However, you can now permanently leave the ropes in the net. When you unsnap them from the eyebolts, just clip them to the net at the exact location.*

- Any installation not done in accordance with the manufacturer's stipulations will result in the warranty becoming null and void.

Safety Notes

1. Lay down the cage in threatening weather, especially if wind speeds could exceed 35 mph.
2. It is highly recommended that you keep spectators away from the sides and open end of the cage when it is being used. Never allow a spectator to either put their hands, face, or other body parts near the cage when someone is hitting.
3. No one should enter the BATCO home plate cage without wearing of an approved batting helmet
4. Always use prudence and caution when using the cage. Safety must always be a priority.

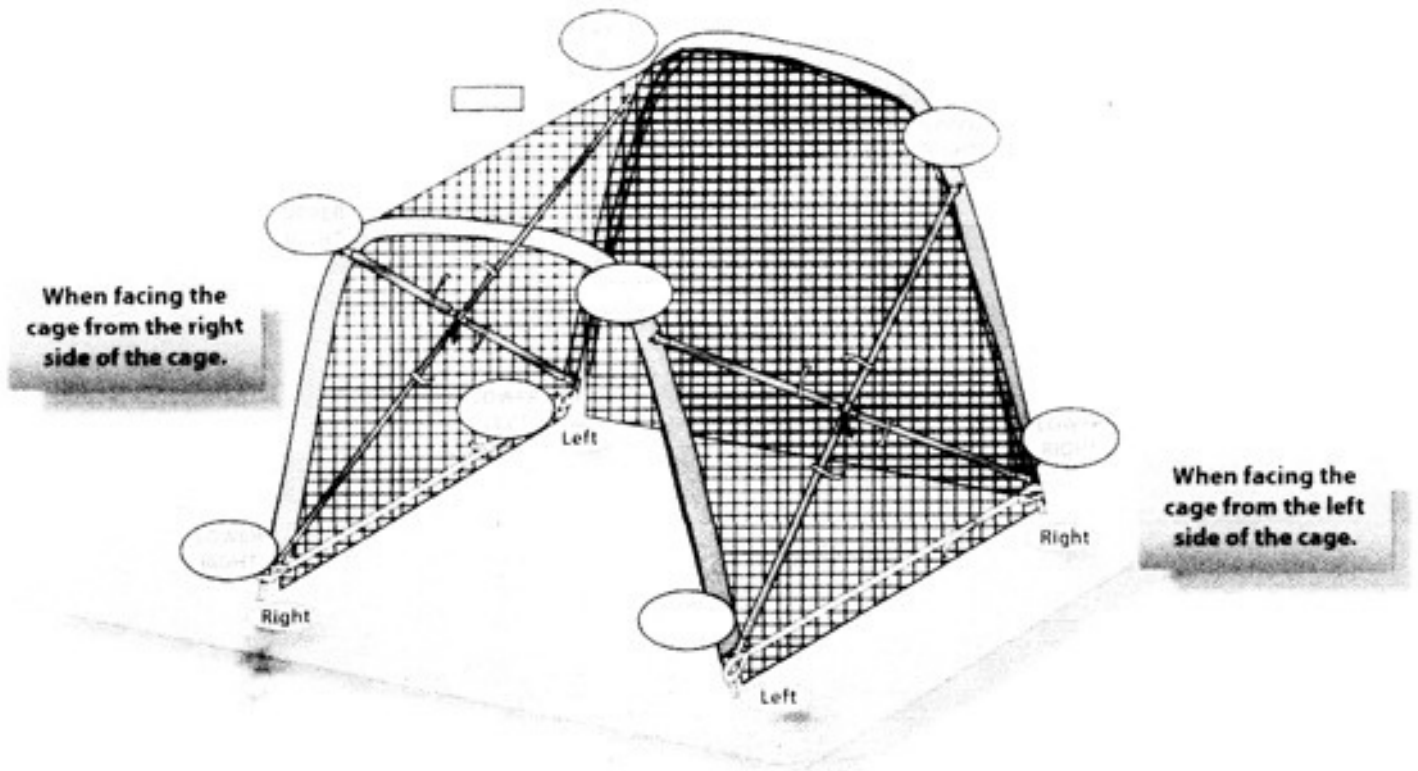
- When storing your net, make sure it is completely dry first, and then store it up off the ground or floor. Mice and other rodents like to make their home in nets not properly stored. Considerable damage due to chewing or scratching could occur.

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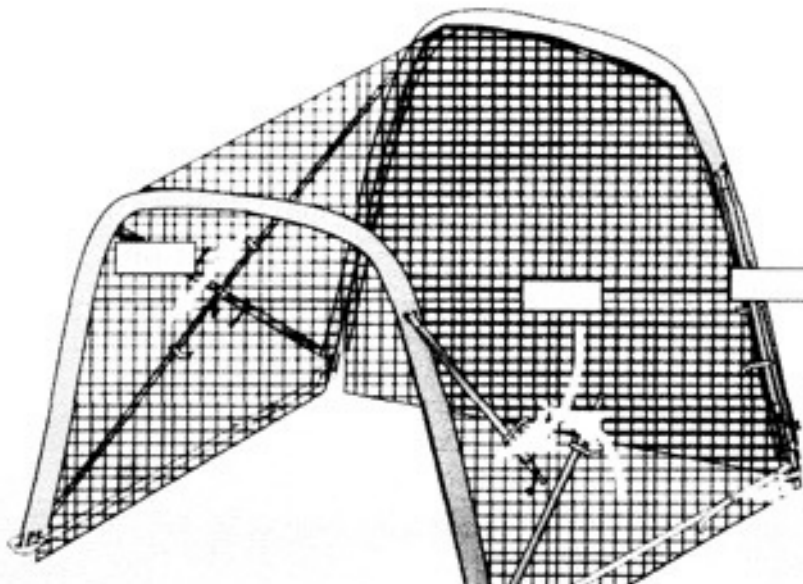
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Breakdown

1. With four people at each corner holding the arches upright release the tension on the Cinch Straps (K).
2. Unbuckle & slide the Cross Bars (C & D) apart.
3. Detach the net from the Velcro straps on both sides of the cage then fold the crossbars up against the Leg Pipes and Velcro them to the net near the pipes.



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4. Move the open-ended arch toward the back arch and lean against a wall – or sturdy object. Rope or bungee cords to hold the arches together during storage is recommended.
5. To set the cage back up, repeat **Steps 17 - 22** with a person at each Leg Pipe, lift the setup cage and move the cage to it's desired location.

