Installing a Garden Gate

1. Getting Started

The first thing you should do is determine which way you want the gate to open. For boundary fences, the gate should open in towards the property.

2. Hinge Set Up

Insert the hinge bush into the gate frame, then set the spacers into position so they can support the gate and provide ground clearance. Next, slide the hinge brackets into the hinge bushes and mark the locating hold position onto the gate post. Now remove the gate and drill holes to match the bolts provided. Finally, locate the hinge brackets into position.

Trade Tips

- Make sure you keep the top of the gate frame level with the top of the adjoining fence panels.
- The vertical wires of the gate should face the outside of the fence.
- Fix the top hinge firmly but leave the bottom hinge loose until the gate is installed.
- The hinge with the fixed pin should be used at the top of the post and slotted into one at the bottom.
- Alternatively, you may prefer to use butt hinges instead of hinge bushes and brackets.
3. Gate Set Up

Slide the gate onto the lower hinge and drop the top hinge into the gate frame. Now tighten the bolts and check the gate opening action.

Trade Tips

- Make sure the gate opens fully on sloping ground.
- Adjust horizontal movement of the bottom pin to make the gap even between the gate and the post on the closing side of the gate.

4. Gate Catch Set Up

Firstly, position the ‘D’ latch on the post with tek screws so it will be aligned with the striker bar when the gate is closed. Then fix the striker bar to the vertical gate frame and check for smooth operation.

Trade Tips

- Set ‘D’ latch height to match your personal requirements.
- Don’t fully tighten the tek screws on the striker until the gate operates smoothly.
- If you have both the single and double gate, the bent striker is for the single gate and the straight striker is for the double gate.