

# Flowerpot Cage

- Provides light and airy conditions which suit a wide variety of flying or crawling insects.
- Suitable for use indoors or outdoors, with excellent viewing properties.
- Can be used with small growing plants in pots, or with artificial feeders.
- Cage frame is made of rust resistant materials and can be easily assembled and disassembled.
- Zipped cage has a practical vertical access, useful for general maintenance or photography.
- Net cover is washable and replaceable.

## **Frame Assembly**

- Remove the screw and anchors from the straight legs and use them to join the curved wire sections to form a ring. Firmly 'hand-tight' is good enough as over-tightening may cause damage or distortion.
- 2. If your cage has brass tube-jointed legs, join them together then push approximately  $^{1}/_{4}$  of the total leg length firmly into the soil in your pot. Test stability, and if required increase the depth to  $^{1}/_{3}$  of the leg length. Tube joins should remain above the soil level.
- 3. Re-fit the anchors on the legs, with the completed ring assembly.

# **Net Sleeve Covers**

Both types of covers can be used with or without a frame to sleeve plants, shrubs or branches. If you are using a pot with a slippery finish, this may cause the sleeve to slide downwards - a band of masking tape around the pot can help to provide a better grip.

#### **Fitting Standard Sleeves**

- If the plant is large, gather the sleeve to form a tube, and then carefully lift the pot over the tube. Draw the net sleeve upwards from the bottom of the pot and over the frame.
   If the plant is small, the sleeve can be fitted by drawing downwards over the plant.
- 2. Tension the elastic, and tie using a bow (or cord-lock, if purchased). The sleeve should fit snug against the pot.
- 3. Introduce your livestock, eggs etc to the plant from the top.
- 4. Gather the sleeve top and tie with a bow, using the cord provided.
- 5. If you wish, any excess fabric at the top of the sleeve can be trimmed using scissors.

#### **Fitting Zipped Sleeves**

- 1. Draw the net sleeve down over the frame being careful not to damage the net on the plants, or the plants on the net.
- 2. Fit the elastic end of the sleeve round the pot, so that there are no 'sags' in the material.
- 3. Tension the elastic, and tie using a bow (or cord-lock, if purchased). The sleeve should fit snug against the pot.
- 4. Livestock, eggs etc can be introduced or removed through the zipped entrance.

### **Care of the Frame and Net**

- Over time our fabrics will be affected by UV rays and sunlight. When not in use disassemble and store in a cool, dry, dark place; this will maximise the life of your product. Ensure all parts are clean and dry before packing away.
- The product may be hand washed in warm (not hot) water with a mild detergent. Ensure it is thoroughly rinsed after washing. To sterilise against disease, use sterilising tablets or liquid (for example Milton®) prepared and used as per the manufacturer's instructions. Afterwards, rinse thoroughly with clean water. Repeated sterilisation may cause some minor bleaching of black net over time. Allow to air dry. Do not tumble dry. Do not iron.
- Some chemicals including phenols, alkalis, iodine and acids are likely to damage our products. This is not an exhaustive list, so if
  you plan to use any chemicals with our products we recommend you check a sample with the test netting we have enclosed with
  your order. Chemical damage can sometimes take significant take time to develop and may not be immediately obvious to the
  naked eye.
- Predatory or aggressive species may be encountered which are capable of chewing, biting, tearing or otherwise damaging the textile(s) of which this product is made. Wherever possible, site to minimise or remove this risk.
- If small holes are accidentally made in the fabric, a temporary repair may be made in-situ using adhesive tape pressed onto both sides of the hole. Minor damage can be repaired later by hand darning. More significant damage will require patching.
- Whilst every care is taken to ensure the surface of our plastic-coated wire is smooth, before use we recommend that you check the ring sections and legs. If necessary, any rough areas can easily be smoothed down with fine-grade sandpaper or an emery board.

