

HOW TO BUILD A CHICKEN RUN

Step by step Guide

What You'll Need:

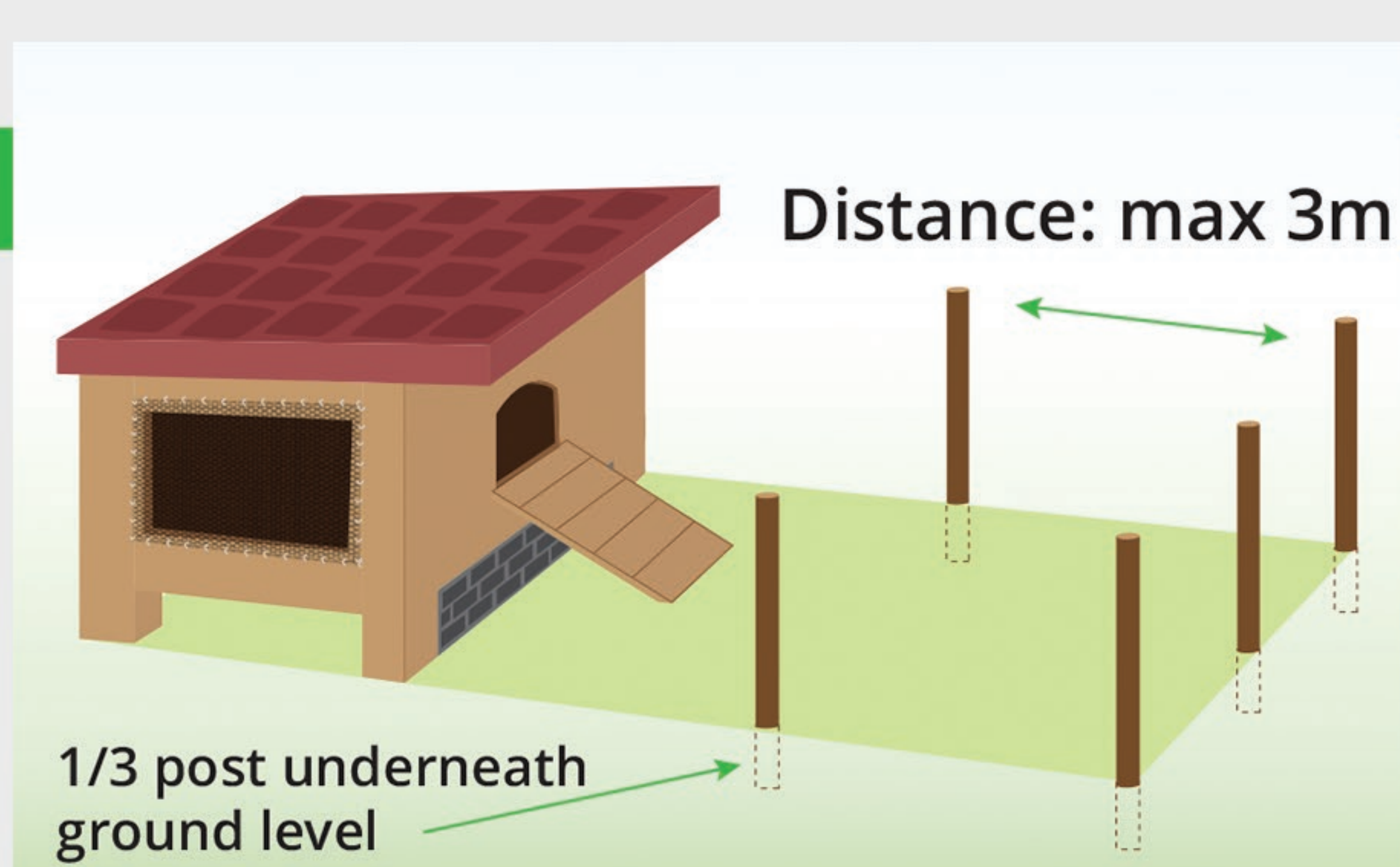
- Shovel, Hammer, Wire Cutters, Saw, Nails / Screws
- Chicken wire
- Staples / Cable ties
- Shade netting (optional)
- Wooden Fence Posts
- Wooden Planks

STEP 1

Plan the enclosure with a minimum size of 1 square meter per chicken. It will have to be attached to the coop so make sure to plan it around the chicken coop itself.

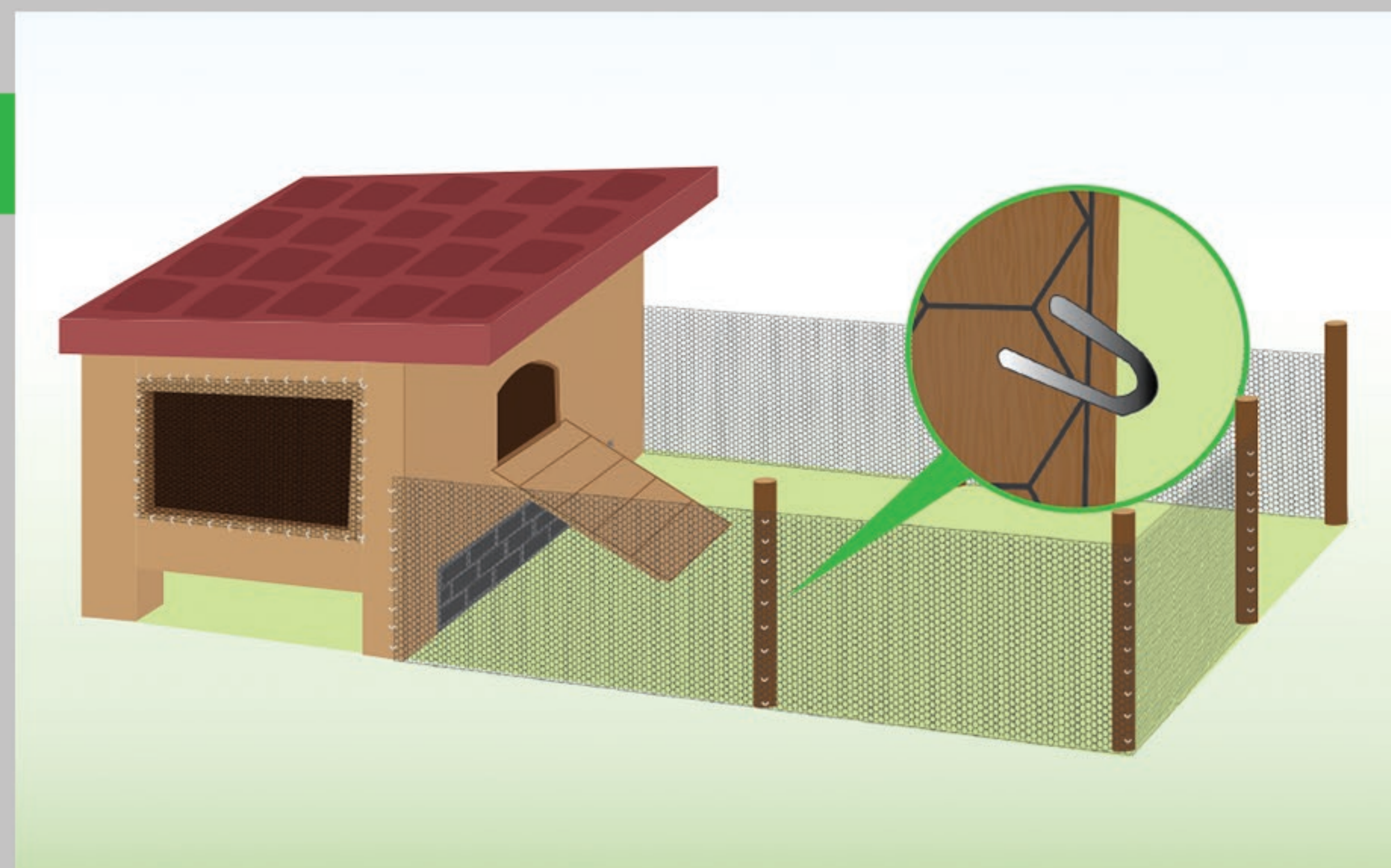
STEP 2

Dig holes for your fence posts at even distances of about 2-2.5 meters at the perimeter of the area. Two posts should be closer together where the gate will be placed later. Hammer the posts at least 30 centimeters deep into the ground.



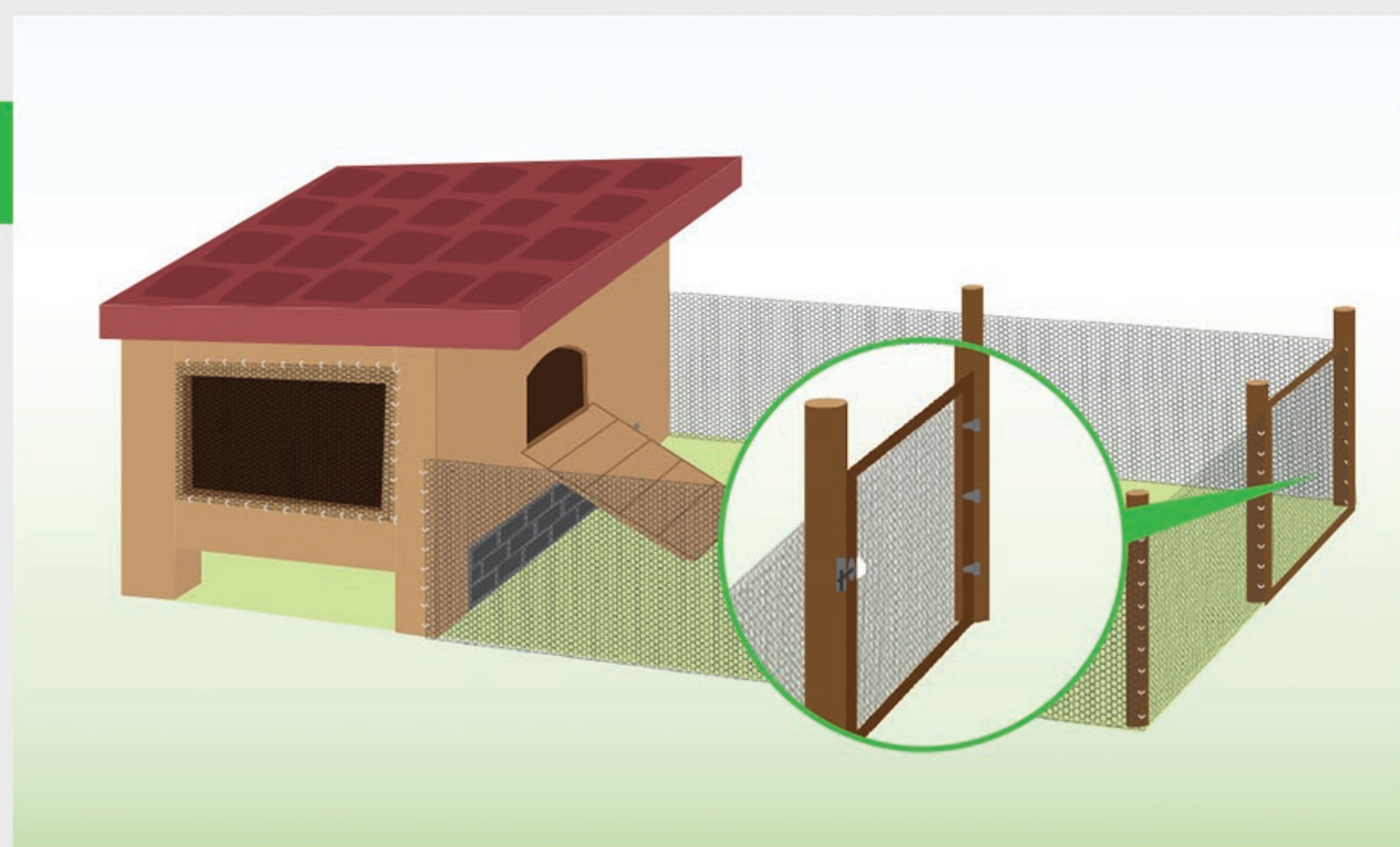
STEP 3

Attach the chicken wire to the posts using staples about every 15 centimeters. Ensure that the mesh is securely stapled to the posts, allowing a little room for movement upon impact or temperature changes. Attach the chicken wire to the sides of the coop as well.



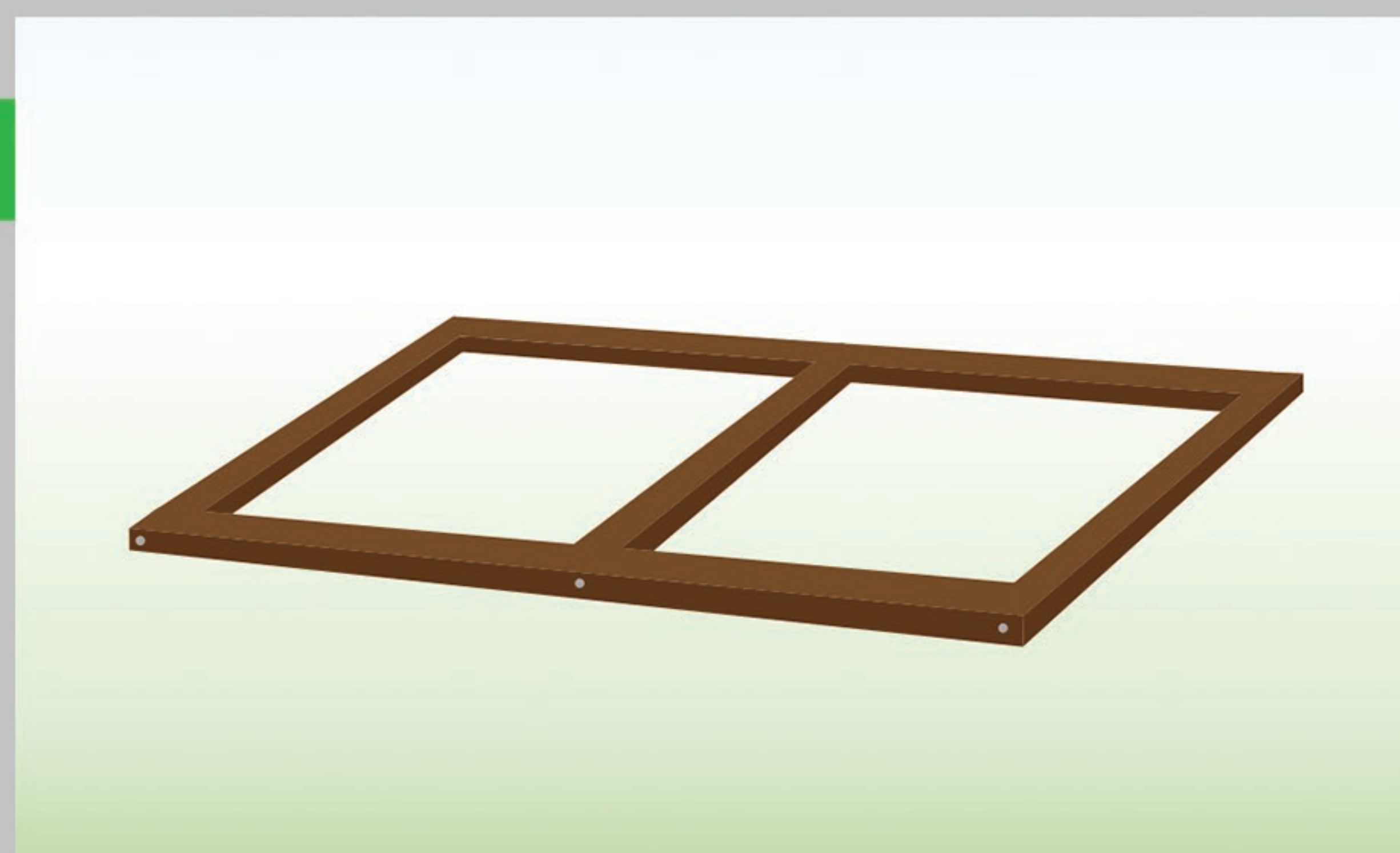
STEP 4

You can build a sturdy frame and attach the wire to the frame using staples. Hang the gate with three gate hinges of your choice. Attach a latch on the outside of the gate. You should cut a hole beside the latch in order to reach it from the inside as well.



STEP 5

Build a support frame for the roof. Use a saw to cut the wooden planks to size – you will need at least four but could be more depending on the size of your run. Join the planks together with nails and/or screws.



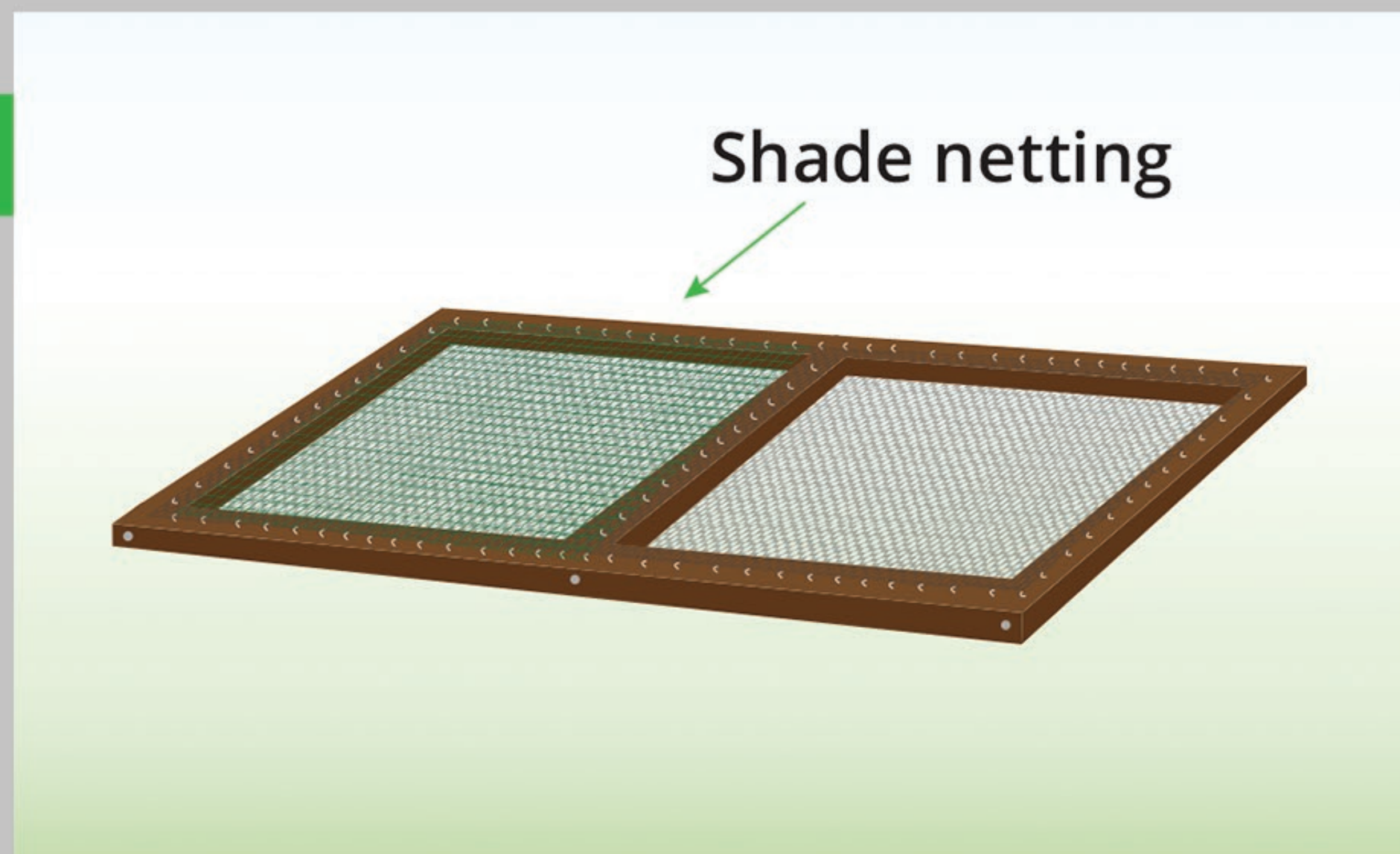
STEP 6

Staple the wire netting to the top of the frame, at approx. 15cm distances. Make sure to staple along every wooden element, such as any support planks you may have in the middle.



STEP 7

If there isn't any natural shade around the run, it's compulsory to add a layer of shade netting to a section at the top of the enclosure. Attach it to the mesh with cable ties or to the frame with staples. Make sure that you haven't covered the whole run.



STEP 8

Fix the frame to the posts and the coop itself with nails and/or screws. That's it – your easy DIY chicken run is complete. You can now let your poultry roam around in it.

