

Guide to how to wrap a baobab tree in mesh to protect from elephant damage.

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You will need the following:

- 3 – 4 people
- 2 x Hammer
- 2 x Fencing Plier
- 2 x Extendable ladder
- Heavy duty **1.8m (height) x 50 x 2.0 (size of hole) x 25m (length) Diamond Mesh** (3 rolls per very big tree, 1 roll for medium tree and 1/3 roll for a small tree).
- **20 mm U Nail Fencing Staple** (100g per tree?)
- **2.5 mm 5kg 25 m Galvanized Wire** (5kg roll per 10 large trees)



Step by Step

1. Stand the roll of mesh upright against the tree and unroll a bit of it.
2. Hammer the staples into the vertical loose end of the mesh to the tree, putting staples in from the top to the bottom of the vertical mesh. About 5 staples should be enough.
3. Unroll the mesh, hugging the tree. Stable the end along the top of the mesh to the tree. As the mesh is unrolling fold the mesh into the folds of the tree and staple into the wood to hold the mesh in the folds. Thus stables are at any point up and down the surface of the unrolling mesh.
4. When the mesh gets right around the tree and meets the beginning part then overlap the mesh slightly and secure and cut.
5. Take a roll of wire and thread the wire along the bottom of the mesh and stable to hold in place.
6. Now using a ladder repeat the process with the rest of the mesh above the bottom section of mesh.
7. Make sure that there is a 10 – 15 cm overlap between the top mesh and the bottom mesh.
8. Thread the wire along the overlap of the top and bottom mesh securing with stables.



Also see Time-lapse video in folder