



INSTALLATION GUIDE

How to Install Closeboard Fence Panels

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Tools

Spade	String line
Spirit level	Tape measure
Angle grinder	Post hole digger
Hand saw	Marker spray
Wheelbarrow	Trowel

Materials

Concrete fence posts
Concrete gravel boards
Closeboard fence panels
Post mix concrete (1 x 20kg bag per post)

Method

1. Measure out and clear the area

Measure out and clear the area where you will be installing the fence. Make sure that there are no existing obstacles such as trees, pipes or wires which can impede your work flow and any future construction on the property. Mark the centre of the first pole hole and then mark the other post holes at 1.83m intervals.

2. Dig the post holes

Post holes should be a minimum of 0.6m deep and 0.3m wide (depending on the post height). Make sure that enough of the post is above ground so hold the height of the gravel board and fence panel combined. If the holes are deeper than this, causing the post to be too short to hold the combined height of the gravel board, simply infill with soil, gravel, or rocks to bring the bottom of the post up to the correct height.

3. Insert the first fence post

Place the first post into the hole and measure from ground level to the top of the post. Add or remove filler at the bottom of the post hole until the the top of the post is the desired

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height above ground. When at the correct elevation, stand the post upright and pour in a bag of post mix. Pour in water until the post mix is saturated. Mix with a stick, ensuring no air is trapped with the mixture, as this will significantly weaken the strength of the concrete. Once the concrete is fully mixed together and surrounding the post, take a spirit level and ensure the post is standing perfectly vertical. Hold in position or prop up the post for a few minutes until the post mix has started to set. As the concrete begins to set, take a trowel and gently slope the top of the concrete away from the post, creating a small mound as the concrete meets the post. This will allow any water to fall away from the post rather than towards it.

Top Tip: Before installing the next post, it is advisable to take builders line and attach to the top of the first post and pull it tight and horizontal to the end of the planned fence line. This will allow for simple installing of the next fence posts as you can align their heights with the builder's line.

4. Add the first gravel board

Place the first concrete gravel board next to the post. Once lined up, place the next post into the second post hole and repeat the process of aligning the post on all 3 axis. To ensure that all posts are the correct height, you can set up a string line to mark the position on all posts.

5. Repeat the process

Repeat the process again and again until every fence post and gravel board is installed.

6. Slot in the fence panels

Finally, slot in each fence panel into the posts. If you need to cut the last fence panel, use a hand saw and cut to size. Treat any exposed wood with a preservative.



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