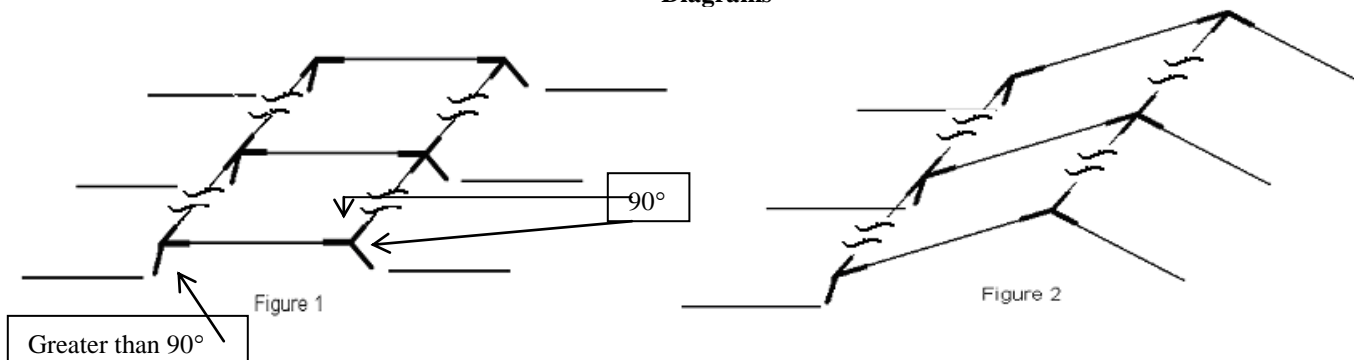


Batting Cage Assembly Instructions

- 0). Tools needed: A 7/16" wrench for each helper. Possibly a ladder.
- 1). Arrange all connectors on the ground where you want the cage; they should be 10' apart. Position the 3-way corner connectors so the view from the top and side is 90° while the view from the end is greater than 90°. See Figure 1.
- 2). Place all poles on the ground between the connectors. Lay all legs away from the center. A picture of "Bambi" on ice with legs sprawled outward should come to mind. See Figure 1.
- 3). Connect all poles, except the legs, to the connectors. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.** The poles and bolts are made of fairly soft material; you should be able to tighten these bolts without any trouble.
- 4). With help from your partner[s], spaced apart evenly, lift one side of the "roof." Put one of the legs in the connector holes. The assembly may "droop" on the ends (especially if you're doing it alone), but it won't break. Proceed to put all legs on the one side only. Secure the legs if you wish. (TIP: We don't fasten the leg poles and even remove the bolts. The weight of the roof and the net holds everything down. If you don't fasten the legs, you won't even need a ladder.) When you finish it should resemble a giant prism or triangle. See Figure 2.
- 5). Take the net and place it over the partially erected frame. Match the correct corners of the netting with the corners of the frame. One corner is in the air, see figure 2, the other corner is still on the ground. Do this at both ends of the cage. Don't match up one corner and then walk down the length stretching the net as you go, it will shrink from side-to-side.
- 6). Go to the other side of the frame, lift up the side, and place the legs in the connector holes. Make sure the poles are under the netting, so that they will be inside the cage when you are finished. Proceed to put the remainder of the legs in the connector holes. You most likely will not even need a ladder for this. Again, you can fasten the legs in place if desired, see TIP in 4 above.
- 7). Occasionally, the machine the manufacturer uses to make the netting misses some knots and there are some holes. These are not always caught before the netting is shipped. Some twine is included for repairs and for lacing the bottom of the L-screen.
- 8). Because the netting is not attached to the frame, the netting gives when hit by a ball, thus adding life to the net. With conventional cages, the netting is tight where it is attached to the frame. A ball hitting these points has greater likelihood of tearing the net, reducing the life of the net.
- 9). **WIND & SNOW.** This is a free standing lightweight system. Strong winds can tip over the cage. Heavy snow can collapse the cage. In strong wind or snow storms take the net off the cage frame. If wind is a problem in your area, secure the cage to the ground with rope tied to the roof corner connectors. Run rope parallel to the corner legs and secure them in the ground with tent pegs or stakes. The rope should be tied to the corner connectors under the netting. Strong wind may also shift the net around. You can fasten a bungee or twine to the net corner, allow some space, say 1-2' and attach the other end to the corner roof connector. This will allow the net to give upon impact, but it won't slide around more than a couple of feet.
- 10). **SAFETY TIPS.** All people in the cage should wear a helmet, even the pitcher, if he or she is young. Don't have older players hitting with younger players throwing, their reaction time is not fast enough. Don't let people on the outside stand too close to the cage. Keep them at least 3' away. The net billows when hit by a ball. Don't ever get too close to the hitter in front, even if standing behind an L-screen. Less than 25' feet and your reaction time is not fast enough. Play safely. Enjoy the cage. Remember there is no substitute for practice.

Diagrams



L-Screen Assembly Instructions

- 1). Connect all pieces as shown in the diagram below. There are many ways to do this; the following steps seem to be the simplest:
 - a). Connect two of the 3.5' pieces to one of the T (tee) connectors.
 - b). Connect a 4-way connector to each end. This will make the base of the unit.
 - c). Insert three 3.5' pieces into the upright 4-ways and the T.
 - d). Put an L (elbow) and remaining T on both ends of another 3.5' piece.
 - e). Place the piece constructed in (d) over two of the 3.5' pieces standing upright and fasten securely.
 - f). Over the remaining 3.5' piece fasten the in-line connector.
 - g). Connect one of the 3' pieces to the T and the remaining 3' piece to the other end of the in-line connector.
 - h). On the remaining 3.5' piece fasten the remaining two L's. Fasten these to the tops of the 3' pieces.
 - i). Attach the four 2' legs into the two 4-ways on the base.
 - j). Fasten all bolts securely, don't over tighten.
- 2). Slide the netting over the L-screen frame like a pillowcase. If desired, lace the netting around the bottom edge of the frame with the nylon twine provided.
- 3). For portability, the L-screen will fold in half. At the center "T" and the bottom "T" loosen the bolts on the horizontal. You can pull apart the section and fold the screen in half. Remove the support legs and it travels rather compactly.

