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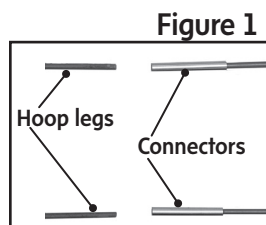
Super Hoops and Hi-Rise Super Hoops

Use Super Hoops and Hi-Rise Super Hoops with our GardenQuilt for early frost protection, with our All Purpose Fabric for an insect barrier or our Shade Netting for heat-sensitive crops, like lettuce. Ideal for 3' wide raised beds or in the ground. For in-ground use, we recommend using 10" Extra-Tall Earth Staples (#32-669).

A set of Super Hoops (#8586833) includes 6 hoops and no connectors. Hi-Rise Super Hoops (#8586835) includes 2 sets of Super Hoops, plus 12 connectors.

Hi-Rise Super Hoop Assembly

Connect two flattened Super Hoops with two of the Connectors (Figure 1). Repeat for the remaining Hoops until you have assembled six Hi-Rise Super Hoops. Once assembled, arch the six hoops over the garden bed.



Setting Up a Hoop Tunnel

Create hoop tunnels with All Purpose or Summerweight Fabric, GardenQuilt or Shade Net. Use 6' wide fabric for Super Hoops and 12' wide fabric for the Hi-Rise Super Hoops. We also recommend clothes pins to secure the fabric to the hoops and Earth Staples to pin it to the ground.

Step 1. Position the first hoop in the garden and insert its legs into the soil up to the first crosspiece. If used, place one or two 10" Extra-Tall Earth Staples over the crosspiece and push them into the ground to secure the hoop.

Step 2. Bend the hoop into an arch and insert the legs into the soil. Add Earth Staples, if used. The width or distance between the hoop legs can vary, depending upon the height of your crops or the width of your bed.

Step 3. Position the next hoop approximately 2' from the first. Repeat this step for the rest of the hoops.

Step 4. Drape your fabric over the hoops. Use clothes pins to secure it to the hoops. Leave at least 4" of extra fabric on either side of the tunnel and plenty of fabric on the ends of the tunnel to reach the ground.

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Step 5. Pull the fabric taut on both ends. We find it helpful to pin the excess fabric to the soil with Earth Staples. Push the Earth Staples through the fabric.

Step 6. Insert the Earth Staples along the edges of the garden fabric and into the soil. You can also anchor the fabric with something heavy (stones, bricks, or wood) so it's easy to access your crops when watering, fertilizing and harvesting.



Tips for Using Hoop Tunnels

- Wait for a relatively windless day to install or remove fabric covers.
- Work with a partner to handle large sheets of fabric.
- When using fabric to exclude pests, bury the edges in the soil or use Earth Staples to anchor it.
- Monitor plants carefully. Pests that sneak in can reproduce quickly in the protected environment.
- When flowers begin to form, remove the cover from insect-pollinated crops, such as squash, strawberries and melons, to allow pollinators in to do their work.
- You can help prevent the spread of some plant diseases by using row covers to exclude the aphids, leaf hoppers and whiteflies that spread disease.

To order garden fabrics or Earth Staples or to read *How to Use Super Hoops and Using Garden Fabric*, please visit us at www.gardeners.com.