



## What are C & C cages?

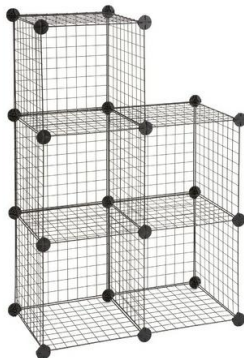
C & C cages (cubes and coroplast) are large indoor enclosures built for guinea pigs. They are nicknamed cube cages or C and C cages and they are unique in that they can be added to and redesigned very easily. They really are quite easy to make, and materials cost about £40. They provide lots of space for guinea pigs to explore and exercise.

More information on the cages is on this very good website

<http://www.guineapigcages.com/>

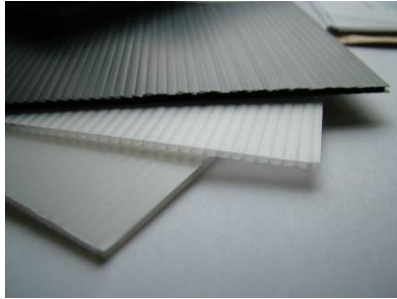
## Materials and Tools

### 1. Mesh Cube Panels:



- I often have some spare that can be taken for a small donation to the rescue (50p a panel)
- Sometimes available on ebay:
  - a. Search "[c&c cage](#)"
  - b. Search "[c c cages](#)"
  - c. Search "[cube storage](#)"
  - d. Search "[wire cube](#)"
- [Shop fittings online](#) - Wire Mini Grid Panel System
- [Amazon](#) – Wire Cubes
- [Wayfair](#) – Wire Cube

**2. Corrugated Plastic (CORREX/PROPLEX):** This is used to make the base. An 8 x 4 foot (2400 mm x 1200 mm) sheet (4mm thickness) is adequate for most cages.



- [Bay Plastics](#), Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate, 0191 258 0777: Cost about £10. Can cut to size for free. They have different colours in stock.
- [Sign making shops](#) (have a look in yellow pages)
- [Teacrate](#): Only 2mm (ok for solid surfaces)
- [Ebay](#): Correx
- [Protection](#): Do different thicknesses of proplex (non-branded correx)

### 3. Other tools and materials required:



1. Strong duct tape to stick the sides of the corrugated plastic
2. Craft knife (or Stanley knife) – to cut the corrugated plastic
3. Tape measure – to measure the corrugated plastic before cutting
4. Cable Ties -The cubes come with plastic clips but these can come lose so use cable ties to secure panels safely

### FAQs

**Q** How many mesh panels do I need?

**A** One box of 20 panels is usually enough to make one basic cage without a lid or shelves.

- A 2 x 3 cage requires 10 panels
- A 2 x 4 cage requires 12 panels
- A 2 x 5 cage requires 14 panels
- A 2 x 6 cage requires 16 panels

**Q** What size sheet of corrugated plastic do I need?

**A** One 8 x 4 ft (240 cm x 120 cm) sheet is big enough for most cages. When calculating the size of the corrugated plastic remember that you need to add an extra 12 inches (30 cm) both in length and depth to make the wall of the cage. Most mesh panels are 14 inches (35cms).

- A 2 x 3 cage requires 54 x 40 inch (135 x 100 cm) corrugated plastic
- A 2 x 4 cage requires 68 x 40 inch (170 x 100 cm) corrugated plastic
- A 2 x 5 cage requires 82 x 40 inch (205 x 100 cm) corrugated plastic
- A 2 x 6 cage requires 96 x 40 inch (240 x 100 cm) corrugated plastic

**Q** Can I put different levels in the cage?

**A** Yes. You can make a second floor, but not all guineas will use ramps. You can make small shelves by attaching grids horizontally with cable ties. Larger shelves may need extra support. To add support thread a length of wood through one of the grid squares from one side of the cage to the other and rest the shelf on this.

**Q** Can I put a lid on the cage?

**A** Yes you can. For images and ideas of how to do this click [here](#)

**Q** How do I build the cage?

**A** I usually follow the C and C instructions on [guinea pig cages](#)

### **Safety and Warnings**

- **Not suitable for baby guineas pigs (usually under 10 weeks) as they can get their heads through the panels**
- **Always secure the mesh panels with cable ties**
- **Mesh shelves MUST be covered with something solid, such as corrugated plastic**

**Good luck!**

**Photos of C & C cages shown overleaf.**



