



Mini Polytunnel Assembly Instructions



Work Safely

When you tackle a job it is important to work safely. Please consider the following points when assembling your mini polytunnel.

- Keep your work area tidy. A tidy site is a safe site.
- Use the correct tools for the job.
- Wear gloves where practical.
- Take care with hot water.
- Take care when using tools such as hammer, knife, saw.
- Consider other people, particularly children.

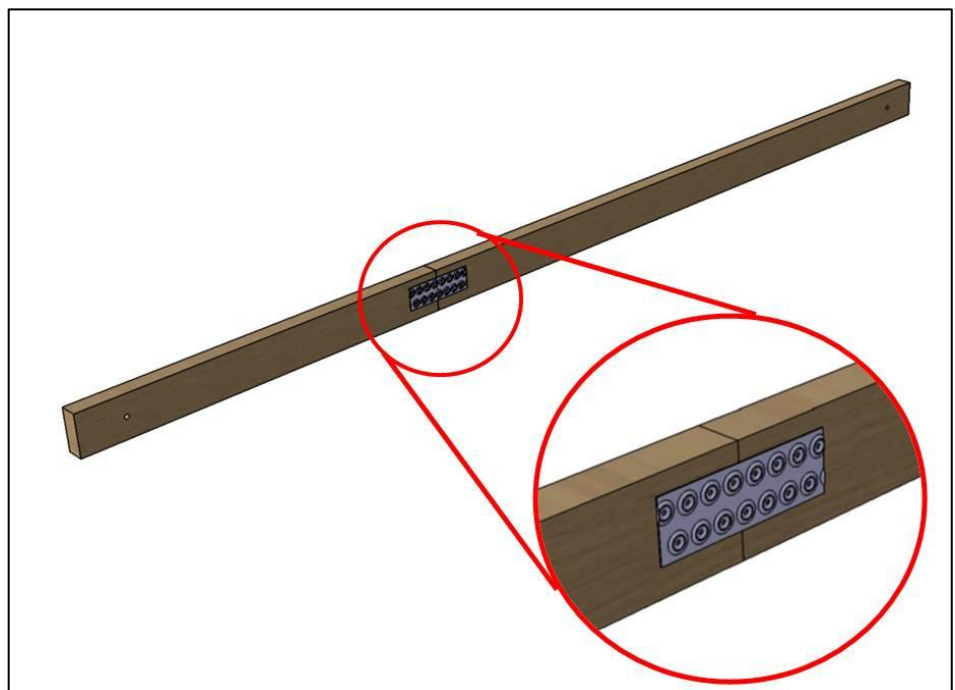
Tools Required

You will require a few tools to install your irrigation which are usually available in most households.

- Hammer
- Saw
- Drill
- Tape measure
- Craft knife
- 8-9mm drill bit
- 13mm spanner/socket

Framework Assembly

- 1 Check the size of the mini polytunnel that you have ordered. The lengths available are 5ft (actual 150cm), 8ft (actual 240cm), 10ft (actual 300cm) and 12ft (actual 360cm).
For a 12ft long mini polytunnel, join a 120cm + 240cm together with the timber joint plate. Use the 30mm long twist nails.

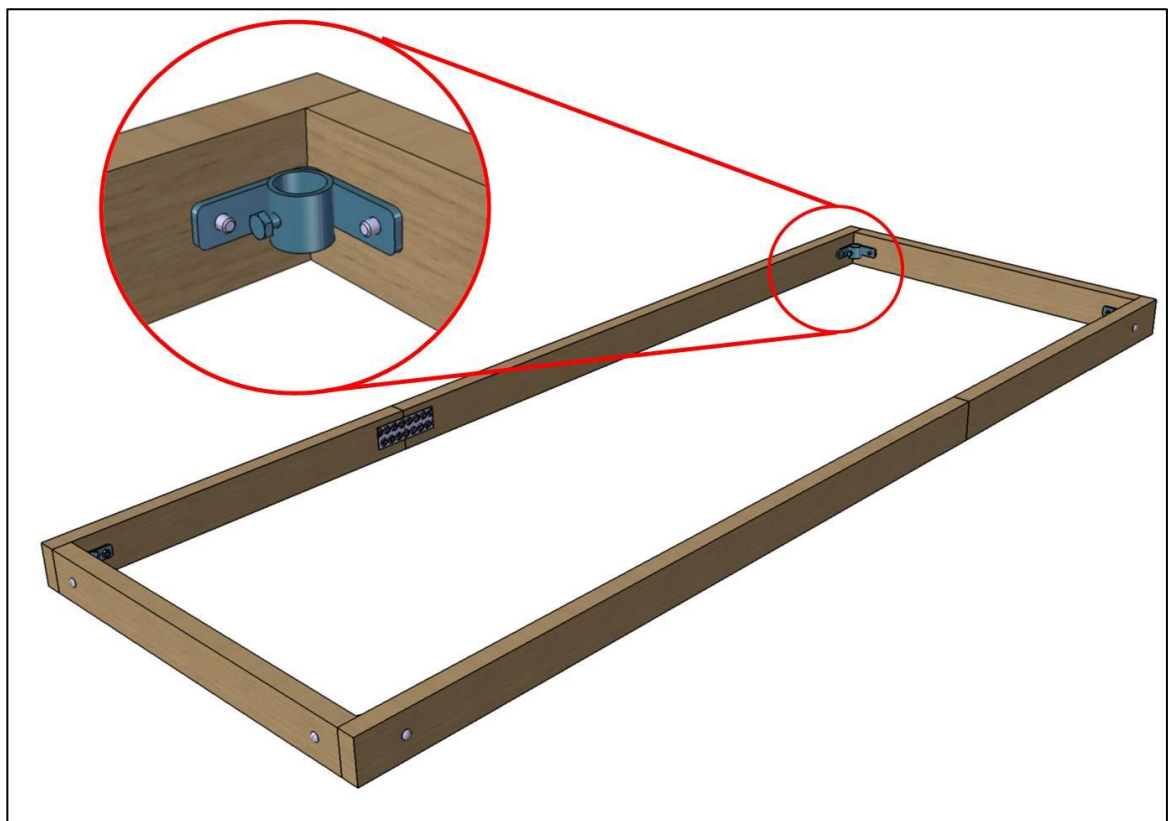


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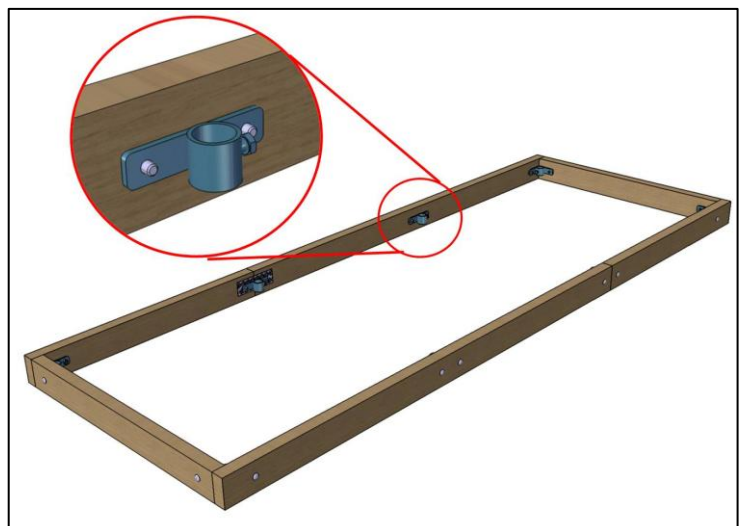
2 Using the 75mm long nails, make a rectangle with the timbers. Note that the end timbers go *between* length timbers.



3 Drill and bolt an M25 fitting into each corner with an M8 x 50 coach bolt.

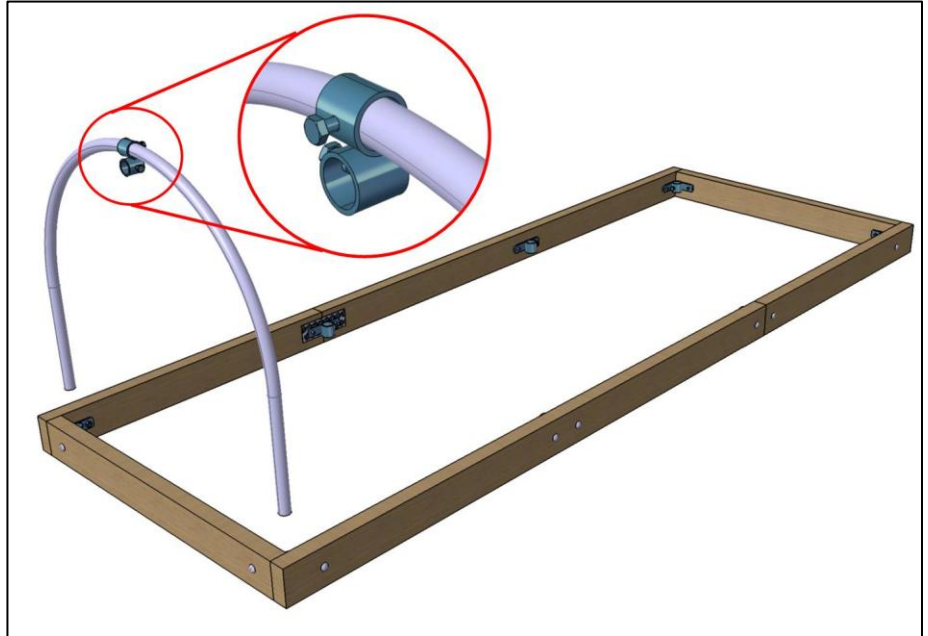


4 For mini polytunnels 8ft long, 10ft long and 12ft long, drill and bolt the H25 fittings to the length timbers. For the 8ft long and 10ft long mini polytunnels, these are at mid-length. For the 12ft long mini polytunnels, these should go over the timber joint plate where the two timbers join (at approximately 114cm from each end).

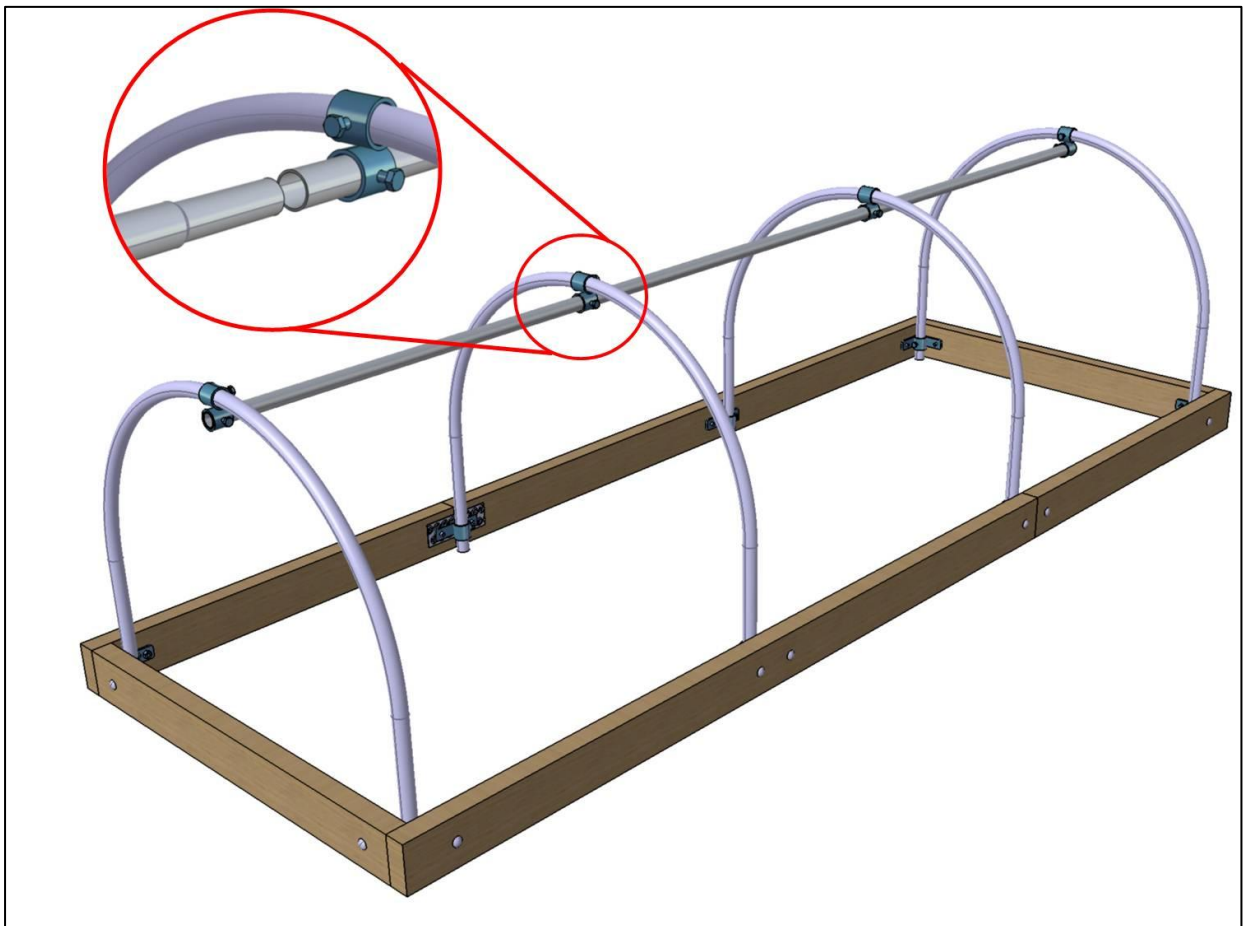


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- Slide an E25 fitting onto to each of the hoops. Slot the hoops into the M25 fittings (and H25 fittings for 8ft long, 10ft long and 12ft long mini polytunnels). The bottom of the hoop should rest on the ground. Gently tighten the M8 bolt in each fitting



- Slide the ridge tube(s) into the E25 fittings. Gently tighten the M8 bolt in each fitting. Your framework is now complete.



Fitting Covering

- 1 Cut the battens to length to go all the way around the timber framework. Pre-nail the battens with 50mm long nails at approximately 12cm apart.
- 2 Lay the polythene/netting/anti-bird netting evenly over the framework.
- 3 Starting at one end, pleat the covering to shape over the end arch and fix to the timber framework with a batten. Repeat at the other end, pulling the covering as tight as possible.



- 4 Batten the covering along one side and then along the other side.

- 5 Trim off the surplus material with scissors or a craft knife.
- 6 The covering is tensioned further by pushing the hoops upwards through the M25 fittings (and H25 fittings). Carefully lay the mini polytunnel on its side and loosen the M8 bolt in one of the M25 fittings. Push the hoop upwards and re-tighten the M8 bolt. Do this with all the M25 fittings (and H25 fittings).

