



### **1.8 Metre Closed Board Fence Kit**

Firstly you need to set your first and last post on any single fence line. Then you can run a string line over the top of the fence posts and a line along the bottom on either the front or back of the post. This is what will achieve a nice straight fence line when setting the 'inbetween' posts. Get your start and end posts as tight as you can to the end of the boundary to ensure there is no gap. If starting against a wall, you can use a wall rail instead of a post. This can be fixed directly to the wall instead of digging into the ground.

#### **Setting Your Posts**

You want to achieve roughly 600mm in the ground. More importantly you want the gravel board sat on the ground, so your posts should be set at 1800mm above ground level. Post holes should be 10 - 12" wide and use between 1 1/2 - 2 bags of post mix to concrete in place. Use something to tamper the concrete until hard and use a spirit level to make sure the post is up straight. Middle posts can be guided by the string lines to make sure the fence line is straight and use spirit level to make sure each post is level. Posts should be set no more than 3000mm (use rails as guide) apart from centre of posts.

#### **Fence Rails**

Now on to the rails. Mark out rail positions on each post. Top rail wants to go the capping depth down from the top of post. Check the size of capping you have. This will be either 30mm or 20mm. Bottom rail want to go 1400mm down from top of post. Middle rail wants to go inbetween top and bottom rail. The 4" nails are used for securing rails in position.

#### **Gravel Boards**

Now on to the gravel boards. The gravel boards are 1800mm long and 100mm thick. They are made of a softwood and are treated with a preservative. They are designed to be used with the 1.8 metre closed board fence kit. They are fixed to the posts with 4" nails. The gravel boards are fixed to the posts with 4" nails. The gravel boards are fixed to the posts with 4" nails.

Now time to fix gravel boards. Using the 3" nails provided, fix gravel boards 1650mm down from top of post. Its a good idea to pack out the gravel boards with any offcuts of gravel board as this enables the feather edge to sit flush and easier to fix to. If you have high areas in your fence line, then you will require to dig a little to make sure the gravel boards sit correctly.

#### **Capping Rails**

Capping should sit on top of the top fence rail and fixed using the 50mm nails.

#### **Feather Edge Boards**

Feather edge boards should be pushed up against the capping rail that over hangs the top fence rail. The bottom of the boards should overlap the gravel boards. Level up feather edge board and fix to each rail using 50mm nails. Tip: start cladding fence from furthest point down towards windows/house. Overlap previous board by 30mm approx, level and fix. Continue this process fixing feather edge boards along the fence. You may fix every 5th or 6th feather edge board to the gravel board.

#### **Tools Required**

- Tape Measure
- Hand Saw
- Hammer
- Spirit Level
- Digging Kit (Fencers graft, double shovels or post hole diggers for example)
- String Line