

## Hints for Stick in the Ground Weave Poles

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Stick in the ground weave poles are cheap, easy to make, easy to setup and easy to move or take down. Make them using the thin, plastic electrical fence poles which are available in many farm and hardware stores.



The ones I can get come with guides for the electric fence at the top and in the middle. Break the middle one off completely.

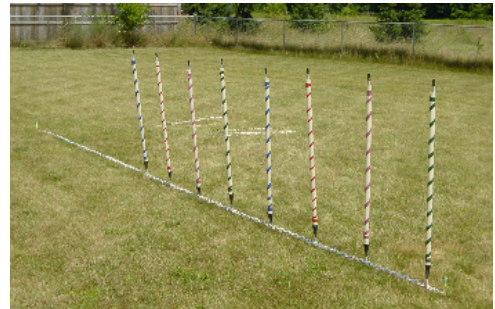
Cut or break off just enough of the top (where the electric wire goes) so that a PVC pole can slide down and come to rest on the step. If you leave a bit of a lip, then the poles are easy to remove by catching the lip with the PVC pole.

An easy way to determine where to stick them is to use a plastic chain. You'll need about 26 feet of plastic chain. If you mark every 18" in one color electrical tape and every 24" in another color, you can easily vary the spacing when you set them up. You will be able to mark for 14 poles at 18" and 12 poles at 24".



The one pictured has blue for 18" and red for 24".

Using a tent stake, anchor one end of the chain; walk out while stretching out the chain and anchor the other end using a second tent stake. Now you are set to stick in your poles where your chain is marked.



Pick up the chain and you're good to go.

Since I'm not perfectly careful, my poles usually have a slight tilt but I don't find that makes any difference.

Quick, easy and they last for years.

