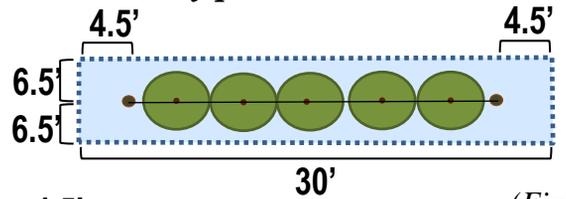


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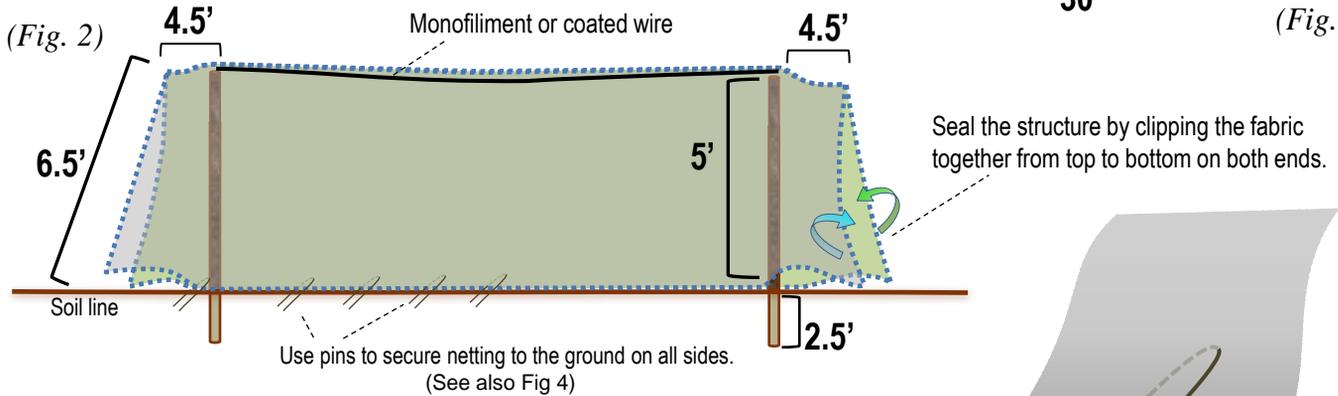
Single-row planting

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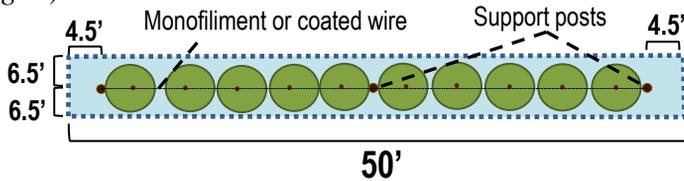
For each 13x30 piece of netting, you can plant up to 5 blueberry shrubs (with 4ft spacing between each).



(Fig. 1)

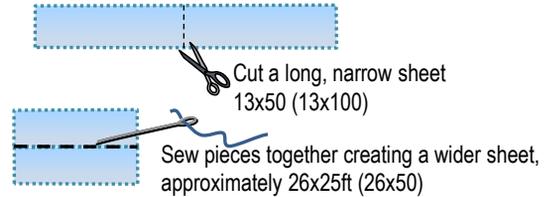


(Fig. 3)



(Fig. 4)

(Fig. 1)



1. We recommend putting a 4x4 post at each end of your row (Figs. 1, 2, 3), burying the posts about 2.5-3ft in the ground. (Fig. 2) Attach coated wire or cable/monofilament to the top of each post (Figs. 1, 2, 3). Turnbuckles are suggested to keep the wire snug.
2. Drape the netting over the structure, creating an A-frame. (Fig. 2)
3. For long rows (over 25 feet), additional support posts may be needed to support the wire. Although any sort of prop will work, 3"x3" (or larger) posts, buried 2.5-3ft in the ground, look better and require less attention. (Fig. 3)
4. The sides (the netting walls) must be anchored to the ground. You could use 8-10 inch pieces of coat hanger wire, bent in a U-shape. Slide the wire through the netting and push the points into the soil so the net is snug to the ground. (Figs. 2, 4)
5. Use pins or clips to close the fabric at either end of the tent/A-frame.
6. To extend the life of the netting, remove the netting at the end of harvest and store, under cover, until the following fruiting season.
7. For each 13x30 piece of netting, you can plant up to 5 (4ft spacing between each) blueberry shrubs. A 13x50 sheet will allow 8 shrubs planted approximately 5ft apart or 10 shrubs planted approximately 4 ft apart. (Fig. 3)
8. You may need to cut and sew sheets of netting to achieve the dimensions needed to cover your blue berry rows. (Fig. 5)

Note: Above describes a process for netting which is very frugal. For a more spacious, accommodating structure, purchase additional sheets of netting and modify your support structure accordingly.

Note: Your plants need to be covered after they have been pollinated, but before ripening begins.

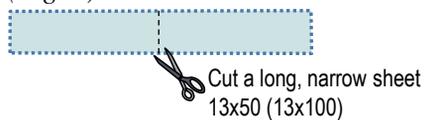
Harvest tip: Spotted Wing Drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*) is inactive at temperatures above 90°F so net removal is ok.

Insect/Bird Netting Guidelines

Double-row planting

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(Fig. 1)

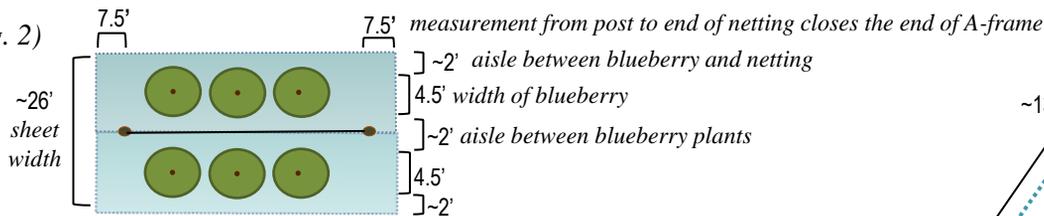


Cut a long, narrow sheet
13x50 (13x100)



Sew pieces together creating a wider sheet,
approximately 26x25ft (26x50)

(Fig. 2)



measurement from post to end of netting closes the end of A-frame

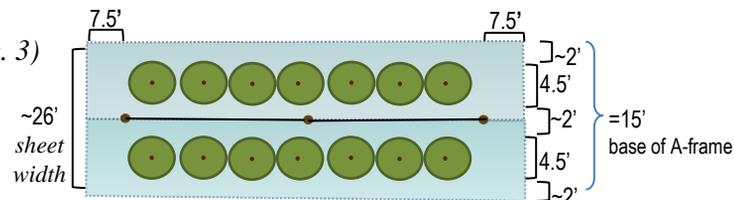
~2' aisle between blueberry and netting

4.5' width of blueberry

~2' aisle between blueberry plants

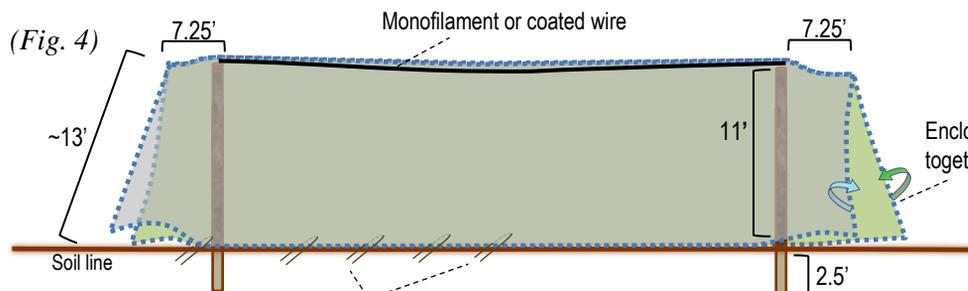
~2'

(Fig. 3)



=15'
base of A-frame

(Fig. 4)

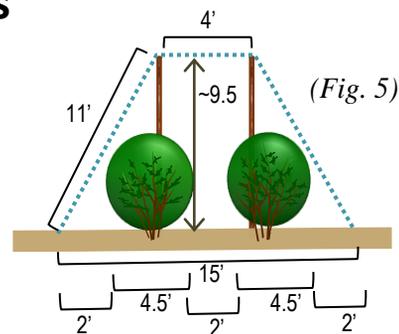


Monofilament or coated wire

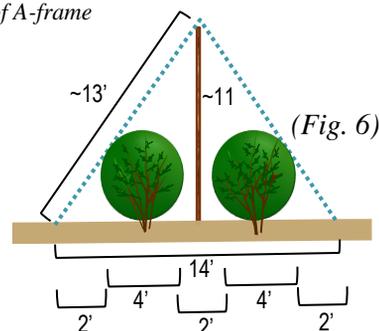
Soil line

Use pins to secure netting to the ground on all sides.
(See also Fig. 7)

Enclose the structure by clipping the fabric
together from top to bottom on both ends.



(Fig. 5)



(Fig. 6)



(Fig. 7)

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2. We recommend putting a 4x4 post at each end of your row, burying the posts about 2.5-3ft in the ground. (Figs. 2, 3, 4) Attach coated wire or cable/monofilament the top of each post. (Fig. 4) Turnbuckles are suggested to keep the wire snug.
3. For long rows (over 25ft), additional support posts may be needed to support the wire. Although any sort of prop will work, 3"x3" (or larger) posts buried 2.5-3ft in the ground, look better and require less attention. (Fig. 3)
4. Drape the netting over the structure creating an A-frame. (Fig. 4, 5, 6)
5. Sides (netting walls) must be anchored to the ground on four sides. You may use 8-10 inch pieces of coat hanger wire, bent in a U-shape. Push the wire through the netting and push the points into the soil so the net is snug to the ground. (Figs. 4, 7)
6. Use pins or clips to close the fabric at either end of the tent/A-frame. Remember – to be able to secure the ends top to bottom, the fabric beyond the posts must be a little more than 1/2 the distance between the legs of the A-frame.
7. To extend the life of the netting, remove the netting at end of harvest and store under cover until the following fruiting season.
8. A 26x25ft sheet will allow 2 rows of 3 planted approximately 4-4.5 ft apart. (Fig. 3) A 26x50ft sheet with 14ft base will allow 2 rows of 7 with plants spaced 5ft apart, 2 rows of 9 with plants spaced 4ft apart.

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