



TRIANGULAR HAMMOCK WEAVING

Fire hose can be found in 2 ½-inch, 4 ½-inch, 6-inch, and 8-inch widths. Which you use depends on the desired size of the finished product. To figure the number of strips for a hammock, start with the finished width dimension that you want and divide by the width of a strip. Example: for a 6-foot-triangular hammock using 4 ½-inch fire hose, your desired width of 72 inches is divided by 4.5, resulting in 16 strips. The length of each strip will be the number of strips per side, times the width of a strip plus ½ inch per strip to allow for weaving shrinkage, plus 6 inches at each end for folding over. So, for our 6-foot-triangular hammock, we have: $16 \times (4.5 + .5) + 6 + 6 = 92$; a 6-foot-triangular hammock will need 16 strips that are each 92 inches in length.

Fire hose can be cut with a sharp utility knife. Fold over each end of a strip the 6-inch allotted length, drill two holes through the doubled-over hose 1 inch from the end and sides of the hose, and fasten with 1 ½-inch nut, bolt, and washers. Vice grips come in handy when trying to thread the nut on the bolt: 1 ½-inch bolts are just long enough to go through two layers of hose, so you will need to press and turn the nut at the same time. Longer bolts will leave too much of a post sticking out. When working with an even number of strips to a side, fold over the ends in opposite directions (If working with an odd number of strips to a side, fold over the ends in same directions) which will put all the nuts hidden in the weave.



Step 1

- Lay out strips side by side alternating fold over ends
- Thread chain through bottom edge



Step 2

- Fold right strip over diagonal chain and turn under to the left (hide nut in fold over tuck)
- Weave through the remaining strips (hide nuts in each weave)
- Thread chain through end



Step 3

- Repeat with each remaining strip



Step 4

- Link ends of chain together

