



# ArtWeld Gabion Standard Submittal Documents

For: 9 Gauge  
Class III  
Galvanized 3"x3"  
Welded Wire  
Mesh  
100% Domestic



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#### GABION WIRE SPECIFICATIONS

##### WIRE MESH FINISHED ROLL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

MESH DIMENSIONAL 3" X 3"  
FINISH GBW

##### DIMENSIONAL SPECIFICATIONS (COMFORMANCE TO ASTM F-2453)

MESH SQUARENESS 1/4"  
WIRE DIAMETER 9 GA. (0.1483"  $\pm$  0.004")  
INDIVIDUAL SPACING ALL SPACING  $\pm$  0.125"  
FLATNESS  $\pm$  2"

##### WIRE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES (ASTM A185; A856-03)

SPIRAL FASTENER 0.1055"  $\pm$  0.004" TENSILE STRENGTH 65,000 PSI  
WIRE COATING GALVANIZED CLASS III SOFT 0.80 OZ/FT<sup>2</sup>  
MIN. TENSILE STRENGTH FOR GALVANIZED SINGLE STRANDS CLASS III 60,000 PSI  
MIN. GALVANIZED SINGLE STRANDS CLASS III BREAKING STRENGTH 1,081 LBS  
MIN. WELD SHEAR STRENGTH 450 LBS

##### PVC WIRE & SPIRAL COATING PROPERTIES TEST METHOD

##### VALUE

COATING THICKNESS	ASTM A-90	0.023" - 0.029" $\pm$ 0.002"
BRITTLENESS TEMPERATURE	ASTM D-746	NOT HIGHER THAN 15 °F
TENSILE STRENGTH	ASTM D-638	2275 PSI MINIMUM
MODULUS OF ELASTICITY	ASTM D-638	1980 PSI @ 100 STRAIN
HARDNESS	ASTM D-2240	86 SHORE A MINIMUM
FLEXIBILITY	ASTM D-522	1/8" @ 360 BEND @ -0 °F
SALT SPRAY RESISTANCE	ASTM B-117	3000 HOURS
UV EXPOSURE	ASTM D-1499 & G 23	3000 HOURS

Materials are Made in USA and comply with the Buy America Act.



QA MANAGER Randy Brewer

DATE July 18, 2024

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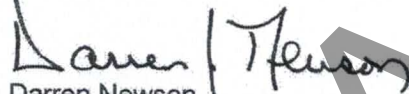
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(Galvanized) Carbon Steel

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that all materials shipped on PO# 77772105 (Order# 148345-Invoice# 179165) Consisting of .113 Class I and .146 Class III (with chromate) Galvanized Wire complies in all respects with the specification outlined in the above designation.

All materials listed above are produced and manufactured in the United States.


  
Darren Newson  
Quality Assurance

All material listed above  
produced and manufactured  
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SWORN AND  
SUBSCRIBED TO  
BEFORE ME THIS DAY

6.19.24

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My commission Expires

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# MATERIAL TEST REPORT

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NORMAN, OK 73070

Ship to:

SOUTHWESTERN WIRE

3505 N INTERSTATE 35  
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Customer No: 000000000006

PO Number: SWW-24-67135

Ship Date: 03/14/2024

Order Number: 00147592

Load Number: 431998

Item Number

D00141006B0M

Description

1006B - 1/4 In Rod

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Heat Number	C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cu	Ni	Cr	Mo	Sn	V	Al	N	B
2421111	0.05	0.38	0.009	0.024	0.18	0.23	0.09	0.07	0.019	0.009	0.001	0.002	0.0094	0.0065

## MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Heat Number	Yield (Psi)	Tensile (Psi)	Elongation (%)	Reduction (%)	Bend Test Pass/ Fail
2421111	38686 psi / 00267	55010 psi / 00070	25	80.0466666	000007

The melting and rolling processes used to manufacture the above described material took place in the United States of America. The material was produced and tested in accordance with ASTM A-510.

14th Day of March, 2024

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Customer No: 000000000006

PO Number: SWW-24-66537

Ship Date: 01/18/2024

Order Number: 00146424

Load Number: 430846

Item Number  
D07321006B0M

Description  
1006B - 7/32 In Rod

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Heat Number	C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cu	Ni	Cr	Mo	Sn	V	Al	N	B
2325479	0.06	0.41	0.011	0.026	0.17	0.24	0.08	0.07	0.019	0.008	0.001	0.002	0.0086	0.006

## MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Heat Number	Yield (Psi)	Tensile (Psi)	Elongation (%)	Reduction (%)	Bend Test Pass/ Fail
2325479	41801 psi / 00398	57706	21.88	77.4433333	

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18th Day of January, 2024



## ArtWeld Gabion Product Specification (Galvanized, 9 Gauge Wire)

### 1.0 DESCRIPTION

This work shall consist of Hilfiker ArtWeld Gabions (welded wire mesh) and filling the gabions with rock in accordance with the details shown on project plans and special provisions.

### 2.0 MATERIALS

Gabions shall be of a single unit construction. The base, ends, sides, and lid shall be either welded into a single unit or shall be connected in such a manner that strength and flexibility at the connection are at least equal to that of the wire mesh. The gabions shall be fabricated in such a manner that they can be assembled at the construction site with Spiral Binders and pre-formed stiffeners into rectangular baskets of the specified size.

The height, length, and width of the gabions shall not vary more than 5 percent from the dimensions shown on the plans.

Gabions shall be divided into cells of equal length, not more than 3 feet long, by diaphragms made of the same wire mesh as used for the gabion body. Each gabion shall be fabricated with the necessary diaphragm or diaphragms secured in proper position on the base in such a manner that no additional tying at the base will be necessary.

Wire for the manufacture and assembly of gabions shall **meet or exceed** any combination of the following requirements:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
3"x3" (7.62 cm x 7.62 cm), 9 Ga. - 0.144 in. min. (3.66 mm) Welded Wire Fabric	ASTM A1064, A370 <i>Exception: Weld Shear at 800 lbs of force min.</i>
Galvanization: (9 Ga. 0.90 oz/SF)	ASTM A641, A90
9 Ga. Galvanized Pre-Formed Stiffener	N/A
9 Ga. Galvanized Spiral Binder - min. 0.144 in. (3.66 mm)	ASTM A641, A90
13.5 Ga. Tie Wire - min. 0.086 in. (2.2 mm) Galvanized 0.70 oz/SF	ASTM A641, A90

### 3.0 ROCK

Rock for filling the gabions shall be as listed:

100% passing 8 inches (20.3 cm), 0-5% passing 4 inches (10.2 cm)

### 4.0 CONSTRUCTION

Gabions shall first be assembled individually as empty units. Each gabion shall be manufactured with the necessary panels, properly spaced and secured, so they can be rotated into position at the construction site with no additional tying of the rotation joint. The panels and diaphragms shall be rotated into position and joined along vertical edges.

When 13.5-gauge tie wire is used as the joint material, all vertical edges of each gabion panel shall first be constructed to form individual empty gabions. Simple spiraling (looping without locking) of 13.5-gauge tie wire is not permitted. For welded-mesh, the joint shall be constructed using alternating single and double half hitches (locked loops) in every mesh opening along the joint.



When 9-gauge spiral binders are used, the spiral shall be screwed into position such that it passes through each mesh opening along the joint. Both ends of all 9-gauge spiral binders shall be crimped to secure the spiral in place.

Temporary fasteners may be used to hold panels wherever gabion-to-gabion joints will be constructed. Temporary fasteners may remain in place.

#### **4.1 Assembly of Successive Gabions (Gabion-to-Gabion Joints)**

Empty gabions shall be set in place. Individually constructed empty gabions shall be joined successively to the next empty gabion with 13.5-gauge tie wire or 9-gauge spirals, before filling with rock begins. The 13.5-gauge tie wire or 9-gauge spiral binders shall secure, in one pass, all selvage or end wires of panels of all the adjacent gabions along the joint.

#### **4.2 Assembly of Multiple Layered Gabions**

Multi-layered gabion configurations can be stepped and staggered as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. When constructing multi-layered gabion configurations, each layer of gabions can be joined to the underlying layer along the front and ends, or as shown on the plans.

#### **4.3 Assembly of Single-Layered Gabions**

Single-layered gabion configurations shall be butted and joined along the front, back, and ends as shown on the plans, including tops and bottoms of adjacent gabions.

#### **4.4 Assembly of Shear Key Gabions**

Shear key gabions (also called "counterforts") shall be spaced as shown on the plans. Shear key gabions shall be tied to adjacent gabions in the manner specified for "Assembly of Successive Gabions."

#### **4.5 Modified Geometry**

To match the geometry of the planned gabion configuration, or to meet specific conditions panels shall be folded, cut, and/or re-tied to dimensions shown on the plans or as approved by the Engineer.

#### **4.6 Filling with Rock**

Rock shall be placed in gabions to insure proper alignment, avoid bulges, and provide a minimum of voids. All exposed rock surfaces shall have a smooth and neat appearance. No sharp edges shall project through the wire mesh.

When constructing with 1.5-foot high or 3-foot high gabions, pre-formed stiffeners shall be used to produce a flat, smooth external surface.

Pre-formed Stiffeners shall be installed on the exposed face of the gabion prior to rock placement, two rows at 1/3 points on 3' high gabions, one row at 1/2 point in 1.5' high gabions.

When filling 3-foot high gabions, rock shall be placed in 3 nominal 12-inch layers; when filling 1.5-foot high gabions, rock shall be placed in two 9-inch layers.

The last layer of rock shall slightly overfill the gabions such that the lid will rest on rock when it is closed.





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*Welded Wire Wall • Eureka Reinforced Soil  
Gabion Faced M.S.E. • Reinforced Soil Embankment  
ArtWeld Gabions • Spiralnail • Steepened Slope • Trinity Wall*

## 4.7 Closure of Lids

Lids shall be tied along the front, ends, and diaphragms of individual gabions and to successive gabions with 9-gauge spiral binders in the same manner as specified elsewhere in this specification.

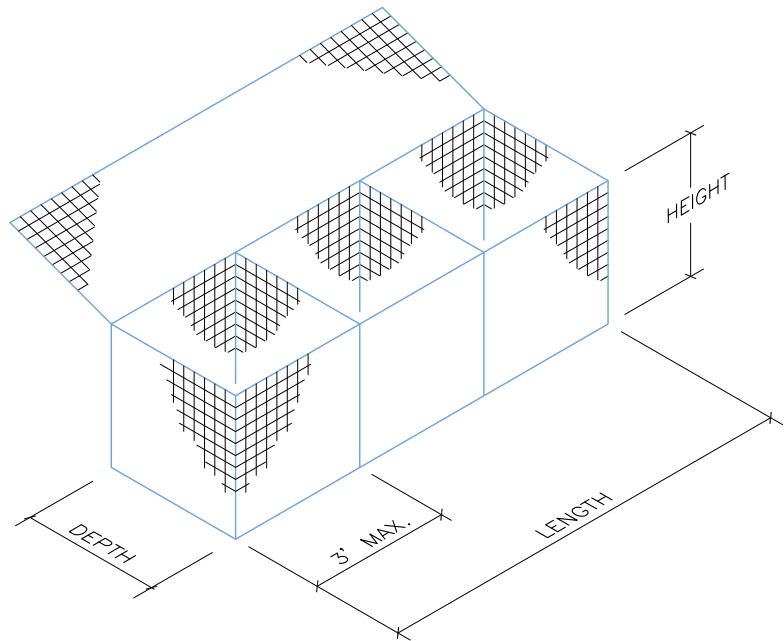
## 5.0 MEASUREMENT

Quantities of gabions to be paid for will be measured by the cubic yard and will be determined from the dimensions shown on the plans or the dimensions directed by the Engineer.

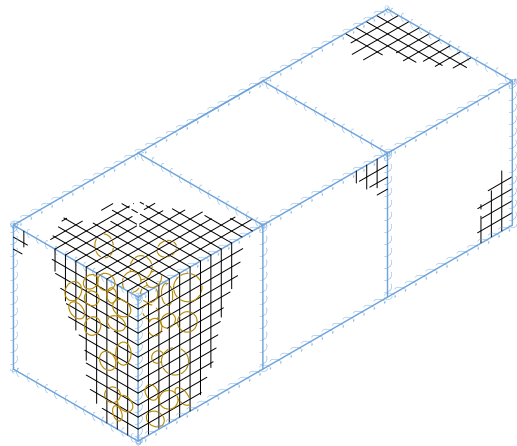
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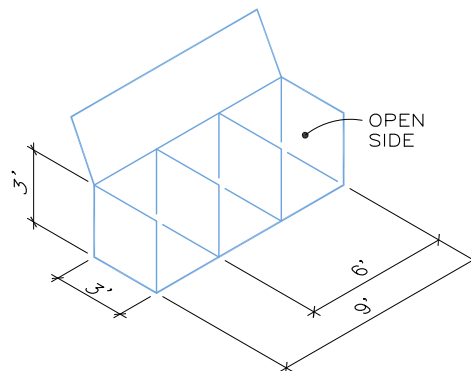




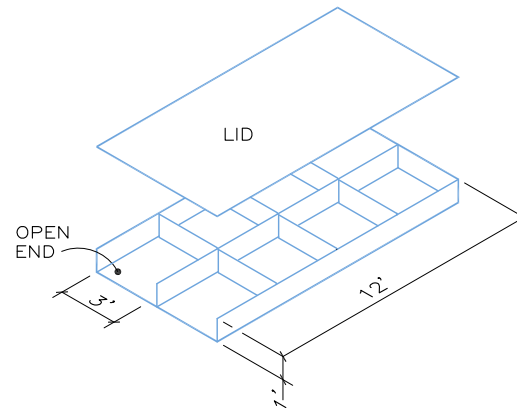
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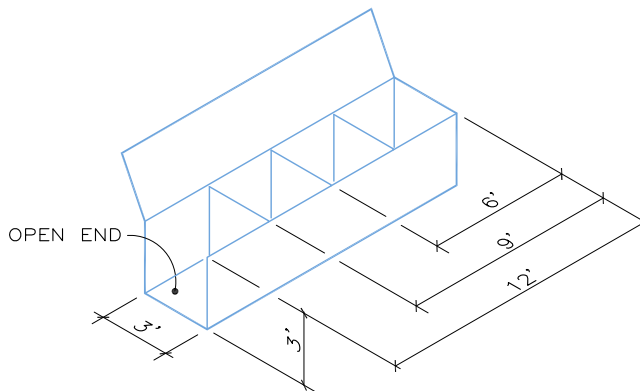
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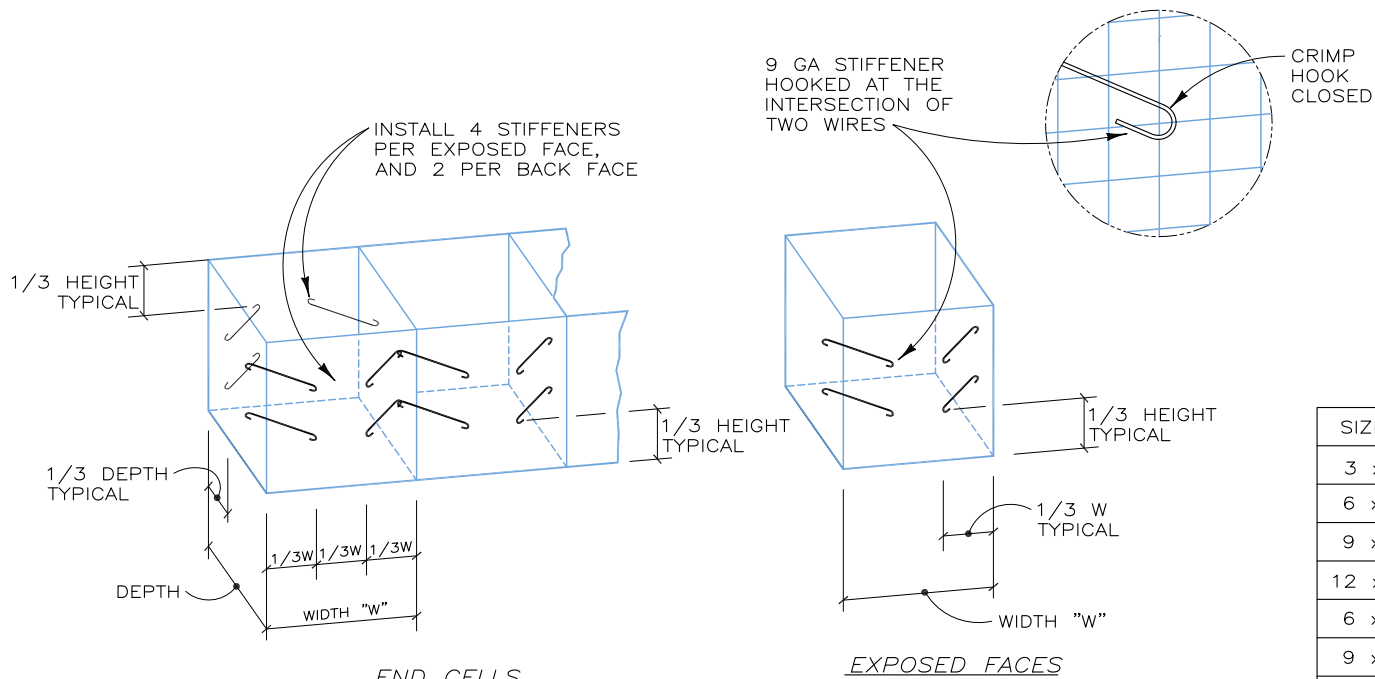
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NOTE: SIZES CAN VARY  
**TYPICAL OPEN END**  
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WHERE HEIGHT OF GABION IS 2' OR LESS, INSTALL 2 STIFFENERS PER FACE  
WHERE HEIGHT IS 12", NO STIFFENERS REQUIRED

**STIFFENER DETAILS**  
NOT TO SCALE

**STANDARD GABION SIZES**

SIZE LxWxH	CU.YD.	SIZE LxWxH	CU.YD.	SIZE LxWxH	CU.YD.
3 x 3 x 3	1	3 x 3 x 1.5	0.5	3 x 3 x 1	0.33
6 x 3 x 3	2	6 x 3 x 1.5	1	6 x 3 x 1	0.67
9 x 3 x 3	3	9 x 3 x 1.5	1.5	9 x 3 x 1	1
12 x 3 x 3	4	12 x 3 x 1.5	2	12 x 3 x 1	1.33
6 x 6 x 3	4	6 x 6 x 1.5	2	6 x 6 x 1	1.33
9 x 6 x 3	6	9 x 6 x 1.5	3	9 x 6 x 1	2
12 x 6 x 3	8	12 x 6 x 1.5	4	12 x 6 x 1	2.67

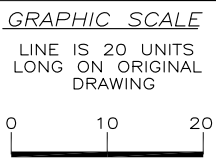
**NOTES**

- GABION SIZES ARE EXPRESSED IN FEET.
- MATTRESSES AND CUSTOM SIZES PROVIDED ON REQUEST.
- GABIONS WHICH ARE TO BE CONNECTED TOGETHER SIDE-TO-SIDE OR END-TO-END, MAY BE PROVIDED OPEN-SIDED OR OPEN-ENDED AS SHOWN TO REDUCE WEIGHT, COST, AND ASSEMBLY TIME.
- GABIONS ARE MANUFACTURED OF 3"x3" WELDED WIRE MESH, 9 GA. WITH 0.9 OZ/SF ZINC COATING, OR 11 GA. WITH 0.85 OZ/SF ZINC COATING. OPTIONAL 2.0 OZ/SF ZINC COATING IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

COLOR COMPILED GABION DETAILS

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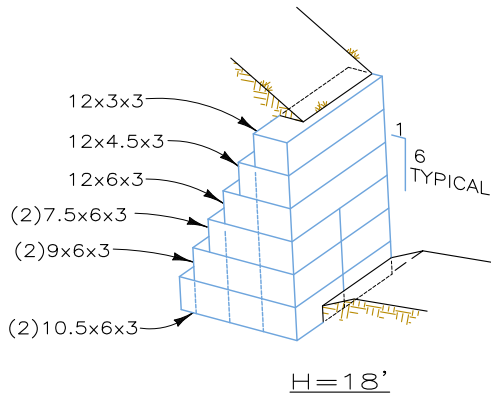
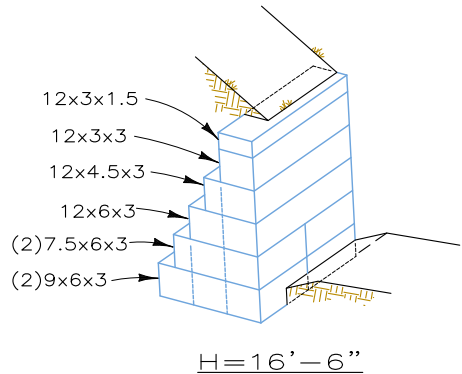
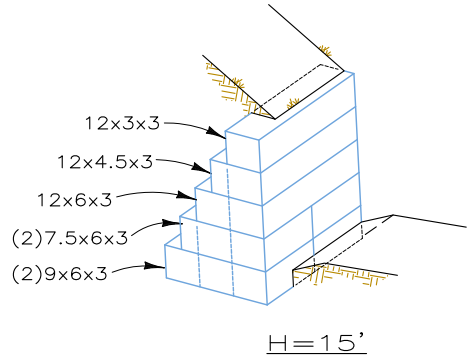
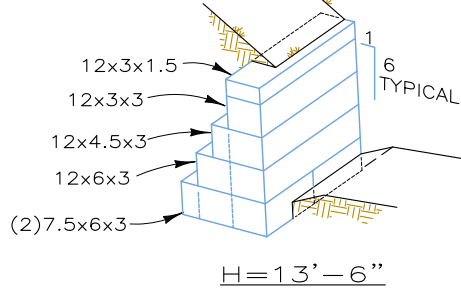
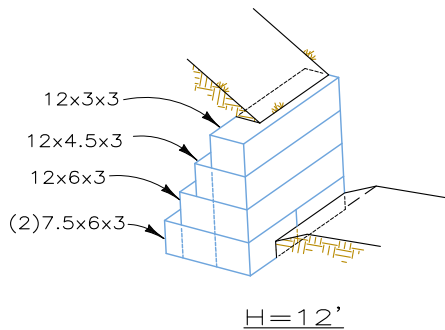
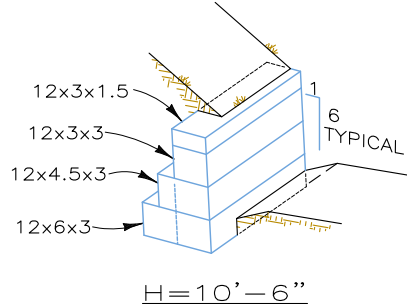
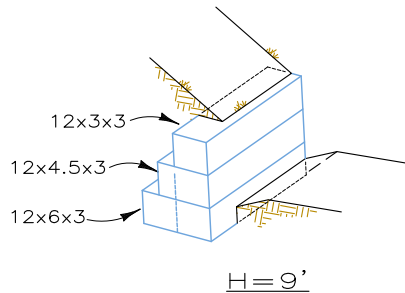
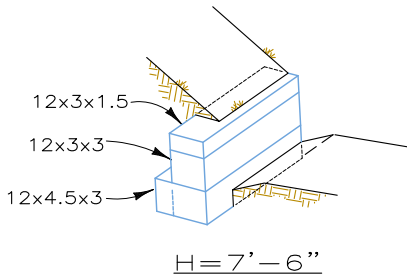
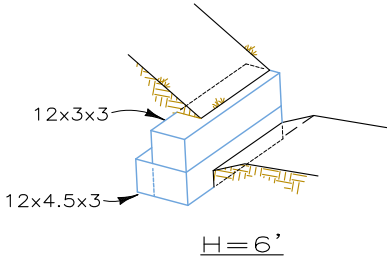
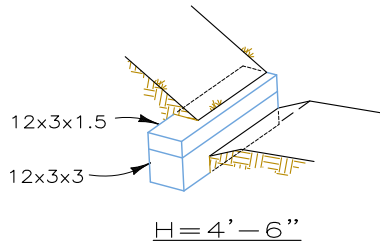
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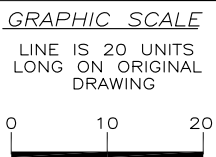


GABION CONFIGURATION NOTES

1. THESE DRAWINGS ARE CONCEPTUAL, AND FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY.
2. LENGTH OF GABIONS MAY BE VARIED, AND GABIONS MAY BE STAGGERED IF DESIRED. STANDARD GABIONS ARE SHOWN IN THIS CONCEPTUAL DRAWING FOR SIMPLICITY.
3. ALL GABIONS TO BE 3"x3", 9 GA WWF.
4. FLAT 9 GA END PANELS WILL BE SUPPLIED TO CLOSE OFF OPEN ENDS OF LIFTS.

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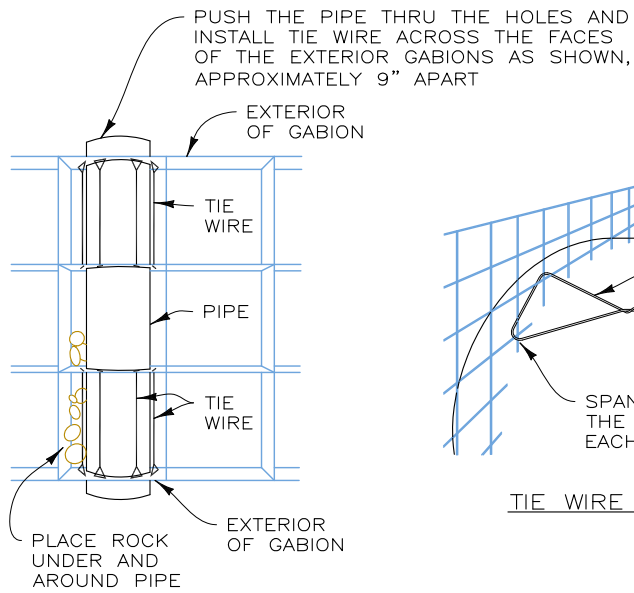
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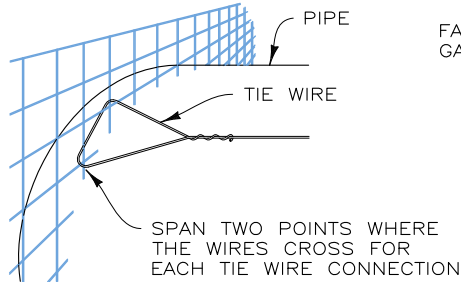
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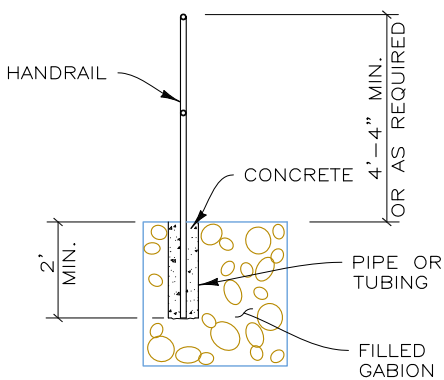
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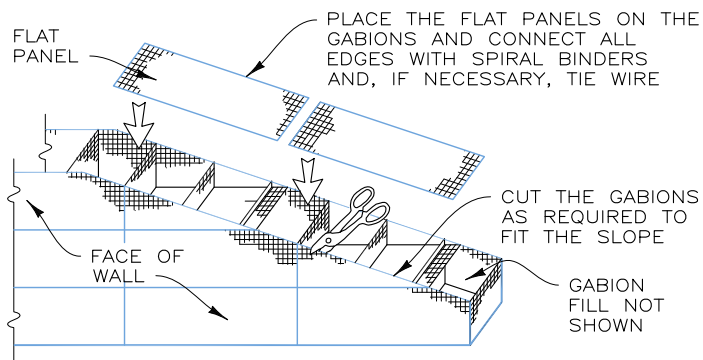
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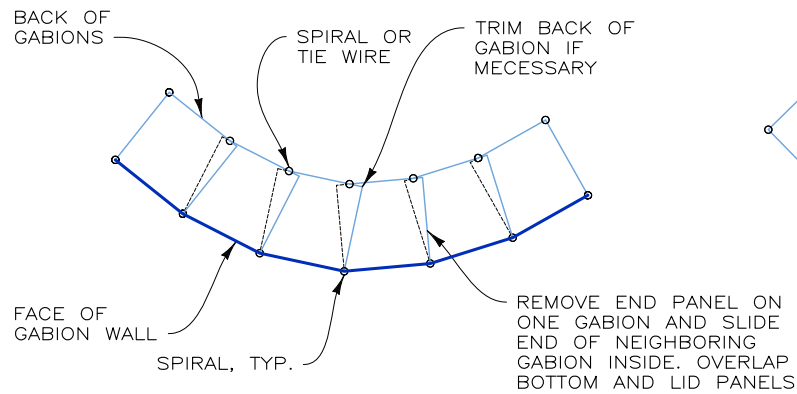
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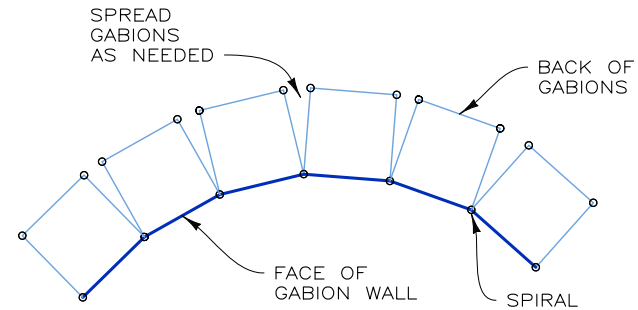
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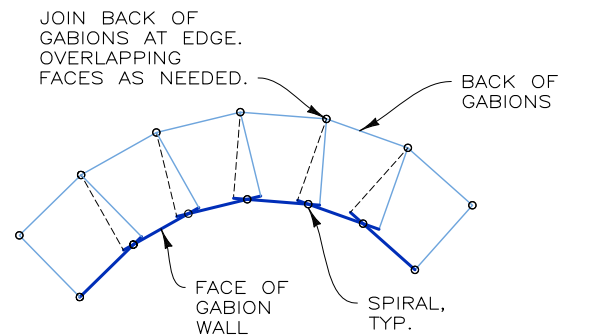
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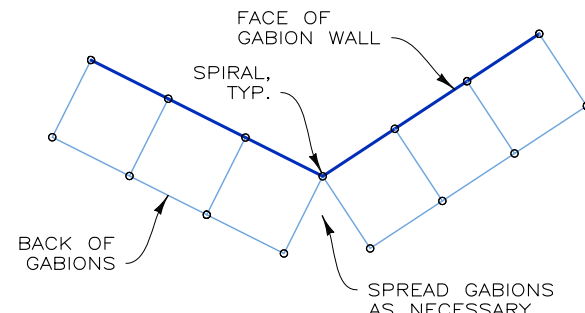
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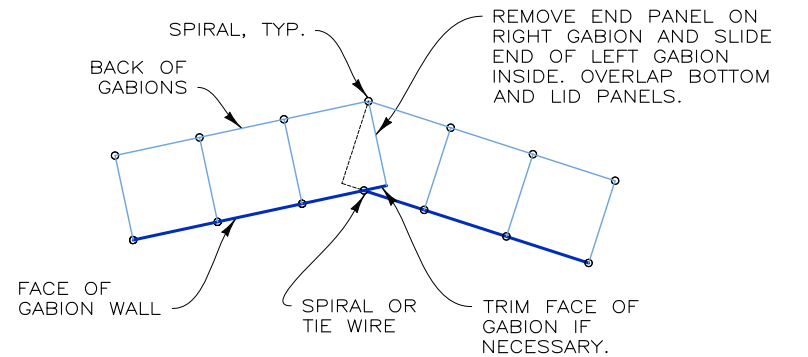
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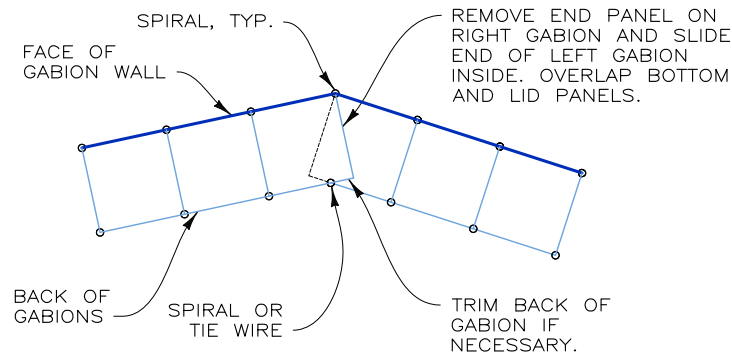
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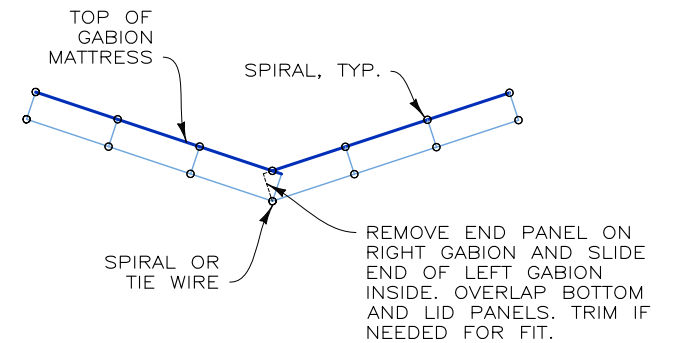
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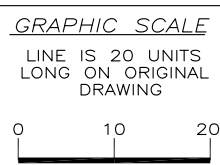
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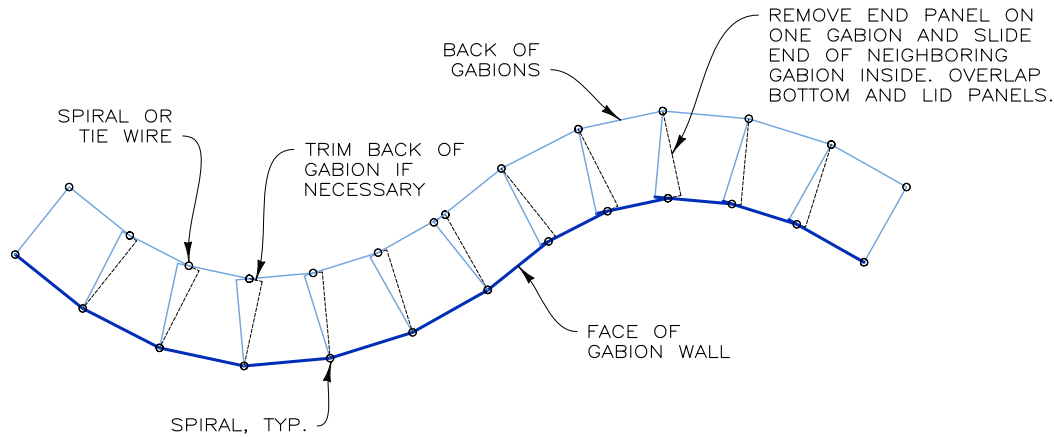
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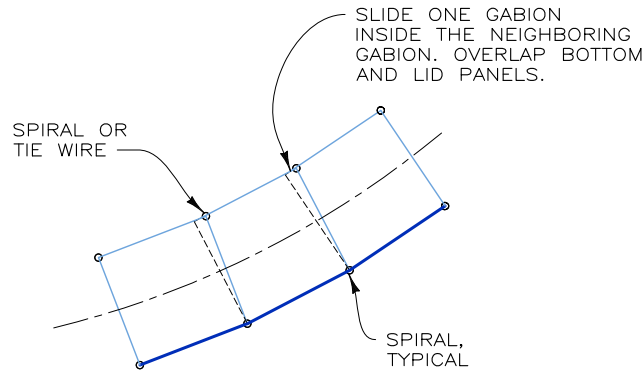
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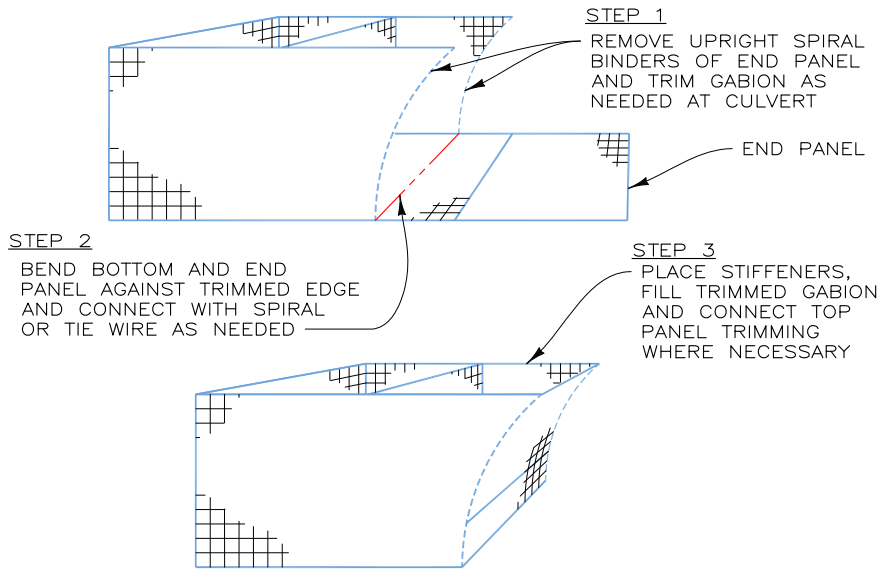
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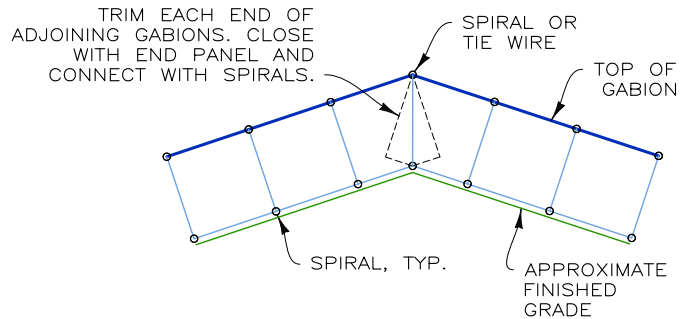
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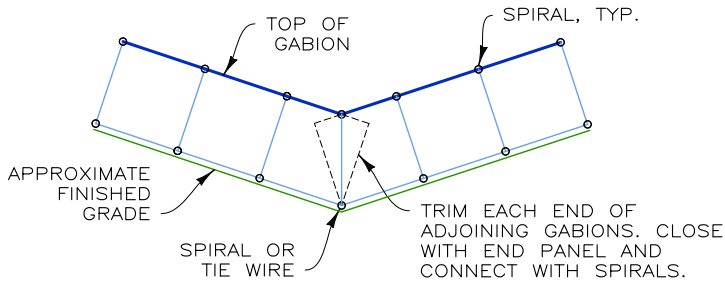
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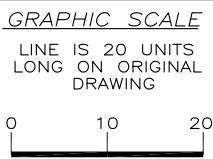
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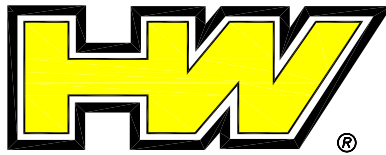
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# **ARTWELD GABIONS & GABION FACED M.S.E. Construction Guide**



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The **ArtWeld Gabion** is named for our friend and coworker, Arthur Lee Hilfiker, who originated, developed and tested the gabions before his untimely death in June 1986. Arthur's idea was to develop a gabion that was easily shipped, quickly assembled and structurally superior to conventional gabions. He succeeded admirably.

*The possible uses of **ArtWeld Gabions** are so varied that this guide can not show them all. The purpose of this guide is to detail only the assembly process. Follow your plans for the structural design and site placement.*

**ArtWeld Gabions** are factory cut from galvanized or non-galvanized 3" x 3" Welded Wire Mesh. The main panel components are fastened together at our facilities with galvanized clips and spiral binders. They are then folded and shipped flat to the site. No flattening, bending, stretching or folding is required in the field. The sides are simply raised and connected together with spiral binders. Because the wire is not bent, no cracking of the galvanized coating can occur. Typically, a 6' x 3' x 3' gabion takes less than 5 minutes to make ready for filling.

The strength of Welded Wire Mesh offers many advantages. It allows careful machine filling. It is easy to hold the alignment of the face. The manufacture of large gabions is possible, up to 24' x 6' x 3', meaning fewer seams to be joined in the field. Also, if a gabion must be cut to fit site conditions, the wire can be cut with bolt cutters without losing structural strength.

**ArtWeld Gabions** can be manufactured in conventional sizes, or custom sizes for special site conditions. Wire diameter and thickness of galvanizing, if any, can be varied to suit job requirements.

For your next gabion project, contact Hilfiker Retaining Walls for a quote on a product we are proud to manufacture. We look forward to being of service to you and your clients.

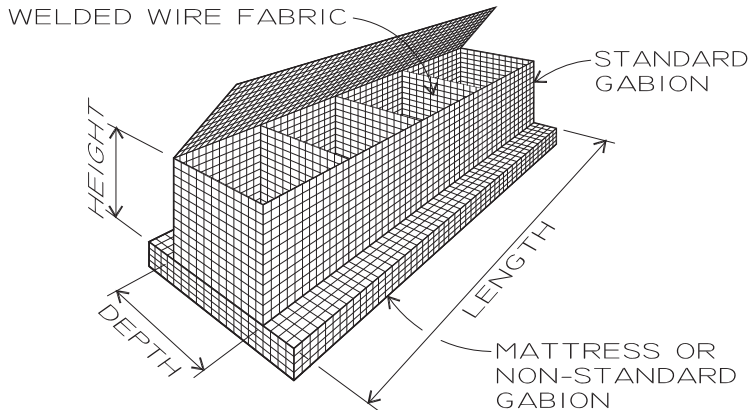
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3" = 76MM	6' = 1.83M
3' = 914MM	24' = 7.32M



**ARTWELD** GABIONS CAN BE MANUFACTURED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND METRIC UNITS. FOR SIMPLICITY, DIMENSIONS IN THIS GUIDE REFER ONLY TO **ENGLISH UNITS**. CONSTRUCTION METHODS FOR BOTH TYPES ARE IDENTICAL.



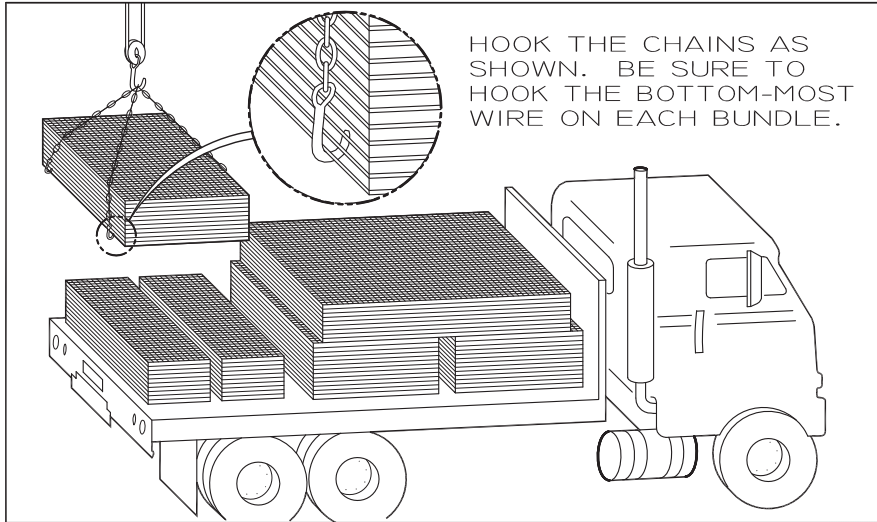
STANDARD **ENGLISH** UNIT GABIONS ARE SIZED IN MULTIPLES OF 3 FEET (0.914 METERS). THEY ARE MANUFACTURED OF 3"x3" (76MM X 76MM) WELDED WIRE FABRIC.

BOTH ENGLISH UNIT AND METRIC UNIT GABIONS ARE SUPPLIED IN 9 GA AND 11 GA GALVANIZED, AND 9 GA NON-GALVANIZED WELDED WIRE FABRIC.

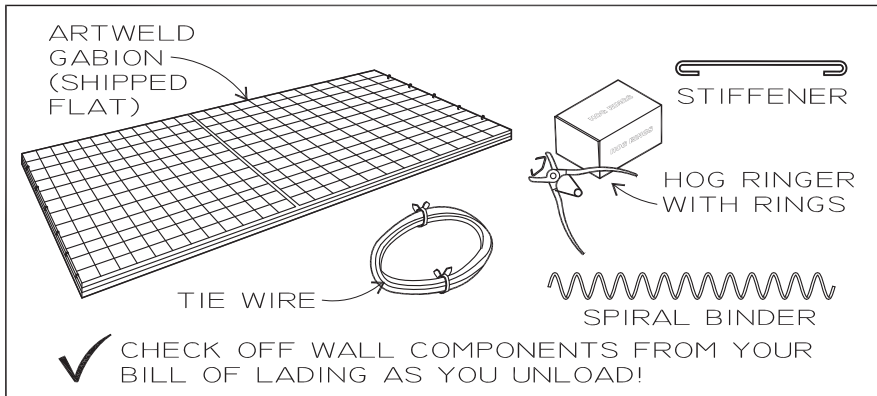
NON-STANDARD SIZES, AND MATTRESSES, CAN BE SPECIAL-ORDERED TO FIT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.

\*HILFIKER NO LONGER OFFERS METRIC SPACING. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MATCH THE OVERAL METRIC DIMENTIONS THE BEST WE CAN WITH IMPERIAL UNITS.

## RECOMMENDED UNLOADING PROCEDURE



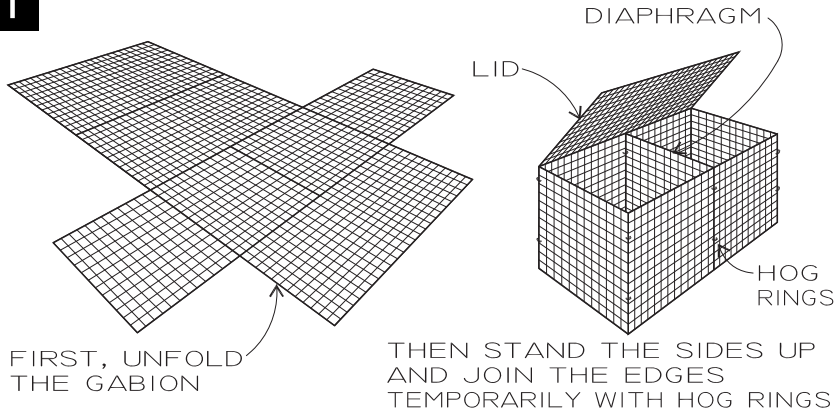
## GABION PARTS (NOT TO SCALE)



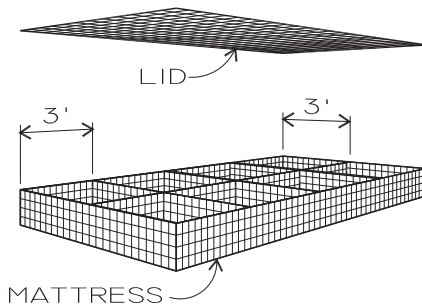


## ON-SITE ASSEMBLY

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THIS GUIDE SHOWS ASSEMBLY WITH HOG RINGS AND SPIRAL BINDERS BECAUSE THAT IS THE EASIEST AND FASTEST ASSEMBLY METHOD.



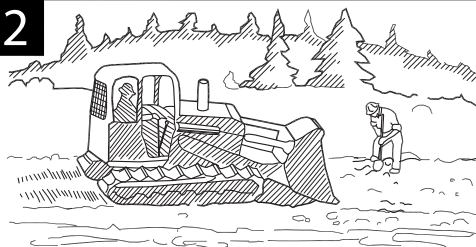
YOU MAY USE TIE WIRE AND HALF-HITCH LACING FOR ALL CONNECTIONS IF DESIRED.

HOG RINGS ARE **NOT** PERMANENT CONNECTIONS AND MUST BE FOLLOWED BY SPIRAL BINDERS OR TIE WIRE.

LIDS ARE NOT FACTORY ATTACHED ON GABIONS WIDER THAN 3'.



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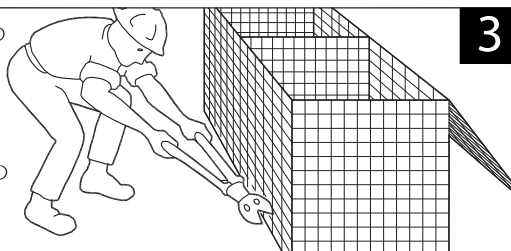


EXCAVATE AND FINE-  
GRADE THE  
FOUNDATION.

FOUNDATION MUST  
BE REASONABLY  
LEVEL AND  
CAPABLE OF  
SUPPORTING  
IMPOSED LOADS

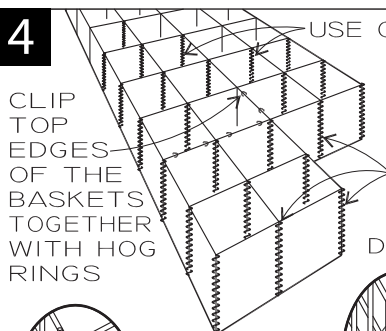
GABIONS MAY BE FIELD  
CUT TO FIT CURVES,  
CULVERTS OR ANGLES.

RECONNECT THE ENDS  
OF THE GABIONS THE  
SAME WAY YOU WOULD  
ASSEMBLE AN UNCUT  
GABION



3

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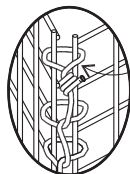


USE ONE SPIRAL  
AT **EVERY**  
VERTICAL  
CONNECTION.

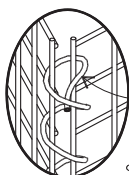
BIND ALL  
EXTERIOR  
CORNERS &  
DIAPHRAGMS

PLACE THE FIRST  
COURSE OF  
GABIONS ON THE  
FOUNDATION.

YOU MAY CLIP THE  
SIDES TOGETHER  
WITH HOG RINGS  
TO HOLD THEM  
TEMPORARILY.



IF YOU ARE  
USING TIE  
WIRE, USE  
HALF-HITCH  
LACING AT 3"



CRIMP  
ENDS  
OF ALL  
SPIRAL  
BINDERS

PERMANENTLY  
BIND THE GABIONS  
TOGETHER AS  
SHOWN FOR THE  
FULL HEIGHT  
AT ALL CORNERS  
AND DIAPHRAGMS.



# STIFFENER INSTALLATION

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BEFORE FILLING, INSTALL STIFFENERS ACROSS THE CORNERS OF THE GABIONS ON ALL EXTERIOR SIDES OF THE STRUCTURE

NO STIFFENERS IN INTERIOR CELLS

FACE OF STRUCTURE

STIFFENER

END OF STRUCTURE

1/3 (1' MAX)  
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TWO ROWS OF STIFFENERS MINIMUM (4 PER CELL) ARE REQUIRED AT ALL EXTERIOR SIDES

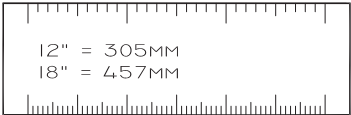
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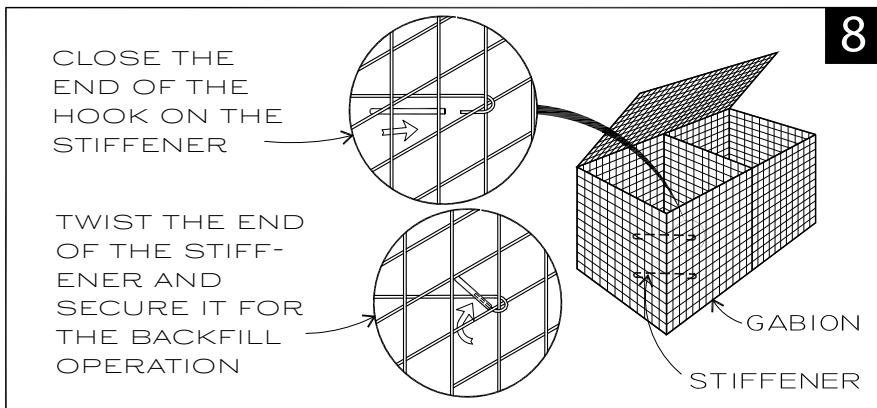
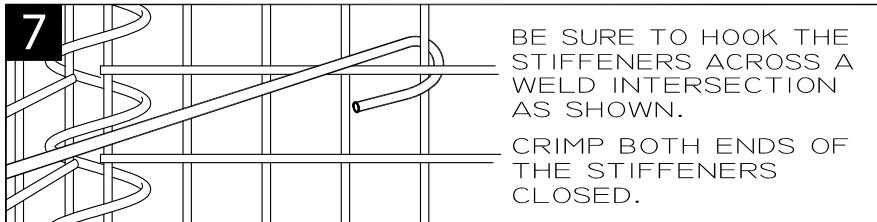
18" & 24" GABIONS REQUIRE ONLY ONE ROW OF STIFFENERS

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1/2

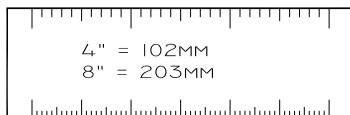
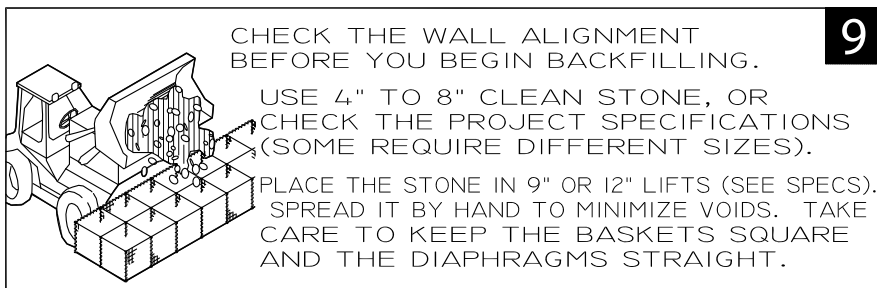
A 12" GABION DOES NOT REQUIRE STIFFENERS

12"





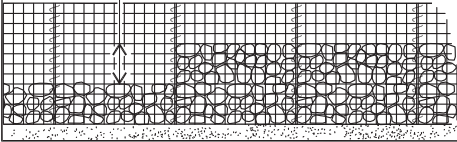
## BEGIN THE FILL





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12" MAXIMUM  
RECOMMENDED

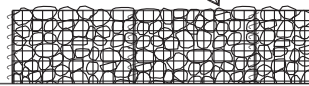


IT IS RECOMMENDED  
THAT THE FILL IN ANY  
CELL NEVER BE MORE  
THAN 12" HIGHER  
THAN THE FILL IN  
AN ADJOINING CELL.

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CONTINUE FILLING THE GABIONS  
IN 12" LIFTS UNTIL THEY ARE  
FILLED. FILL FLUSH OR SLIGHTLY  
ABOVE THE TOP OF THE GABION.

FLUSH



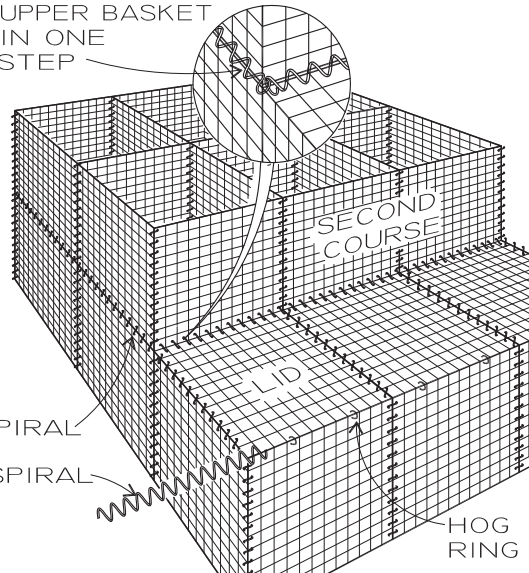
LOWER THE LIDS.  
YOU MAY USE HOG  
RINGS FOR  
TEMPORARY  
CONNECTIONS.  
INSTALL SPIRALS  
AT ALL PERIMETER  
AND DIAPHRAGM  
EDGES.

PLACE THE NEXT  
COURSE OF GABIONS.  
USE SPIRALS TO  
PERMANENTLY BIND  
THE FRONT, BACK  
AND SIDES TO THE  
FILLED GABIONS  
OR PER THE PROJECT  
SPECIFICATIONS.

REPEAT STEPS ④  
THRU ⑫ TO  
THE TOP OF THE  
STRUCTURE.

ONE SPIRAL MAY BE USED  
TO CONNECT THE LID AND  
UPPER BASKET  
IN ONE  
STEP

12



12" = 305MM

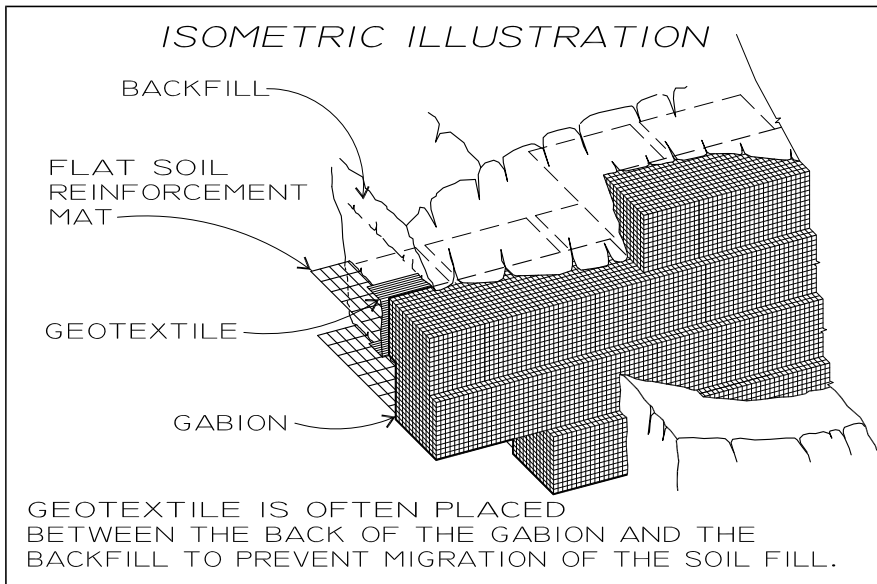
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## GABION-FACED M.S.E. WALL

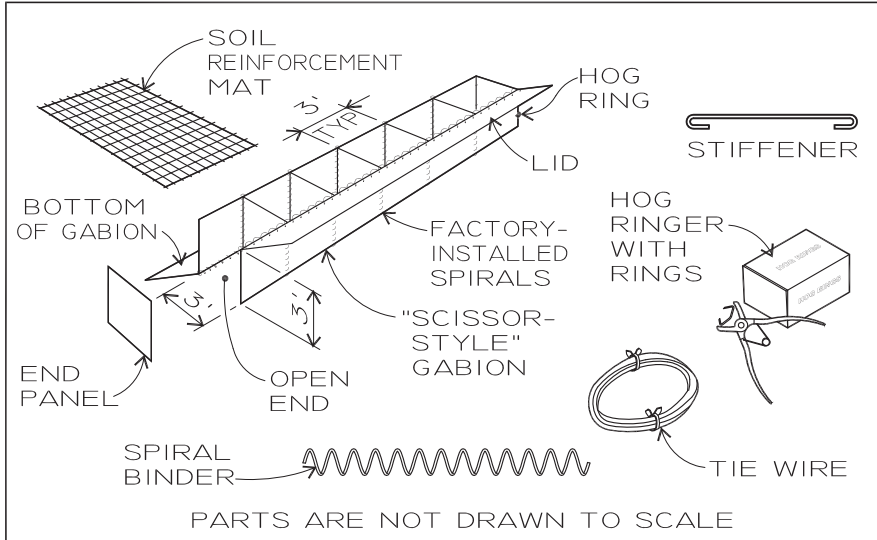
The Hilfiker Gabion Faced M.S.E. Wall combines **ArtWeld Gabions** at the face of the structure, with welded wire soil reinforcement mats spaced vertically at 3-foot intervals.

The "scissor-style" gabions are manufactured in lengths up to 18 feet. "Scissor-style" refers to the folding pattern of the gabions. They are partially pre-assembled at our factory, with the vertical edges of the diaphragms permanently connected to the vertical faces, and the lid and bottom panels connected to the main body along one long side. They are folded flat for shipment.

The wire gauge and length of the welded wire soil reinforcement mats will vary as required for each specific site.

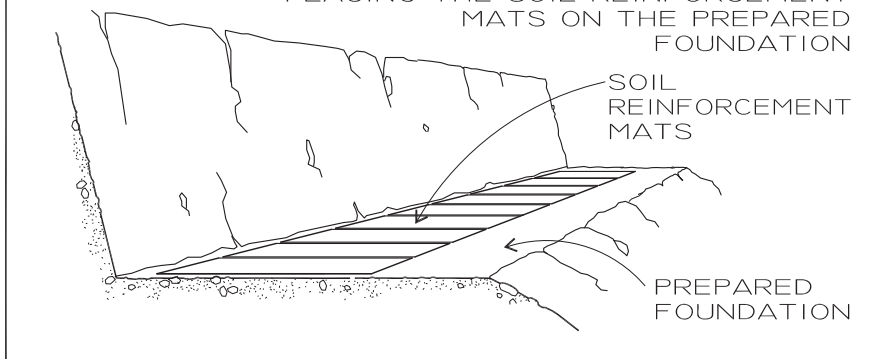


## GABION FACED M.S.E. WALL PARTS



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BEGIN THE GABION FACED M.S.E. WALL BY PLACING THE SOIL REINFORCEMENT MATS ON THE PREPARED FOUNDATION

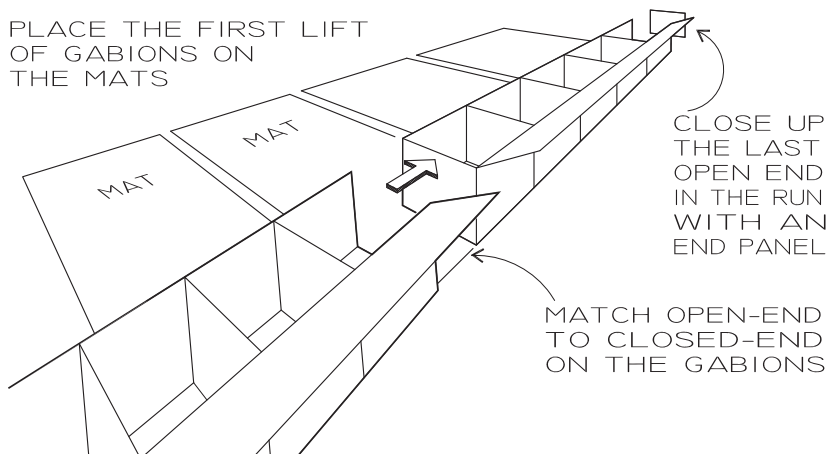




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UNFOLD THE GABIONS AND CLOSE THE BOTTOM PANELS. YOU CAN CLIP THEM TEMPORARILY WITH HOG RINGS.

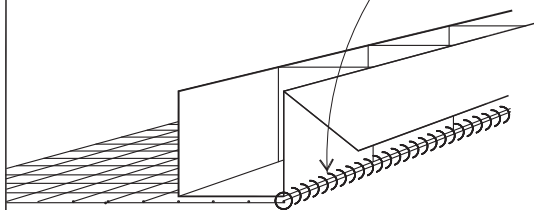
PLACE THE FIRST LIFT OF GABIONS ON THE MATS



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LINE UP THE BOTTOM FACE OF THE GABION WITH THE FIRST TRANSVERSE WIRE ON THE MAT.

SPIRAL THE BOTTOM FACE OF THE GABION TO THE FIRST TRANSVERSE WIRE ON THE MAT

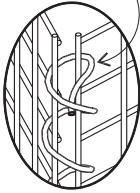


THE SPIRAL WILL PERMANENTLY CONNECT THE BOTTOM OF THE GABION TO THE FRONT, AND CONNECT THE GABION TO THE MAT IN ONE STEP

16

INSTALL VERTICAL SPIRALS  
TO CONNECT ALL  
ENDS TOGETHER

CRIMP ENDS  
OF ALL  
SPIRALS  
CLOSED



MAT

INSTALL  
STIFFENERS  
IN ALL  
CORNERS,  
8 PER CELL,  
AS SHOWN IN  
STEPS 5 THRU 8

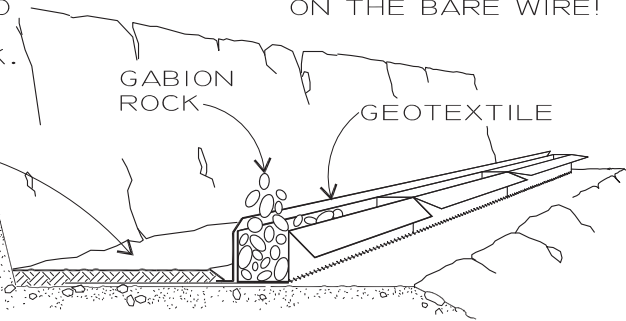
## BEGIN THE BACKFILL

INSTALL GEOTEXTILE AGAINST THE  
BACK OF THE GABIONS.

PLACE AND COMPACT A LIFT  
OF BACKFILL OVER THE  
MATS PRIOR TO  
PLACING THE  
GABION ROCK.  
PLACE THE  
THE ROCK  
AS SHOWN  
IN STEPS  
9 TO 11.

DO NOT OPERATE  
HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
ON THE BARE WIRE!

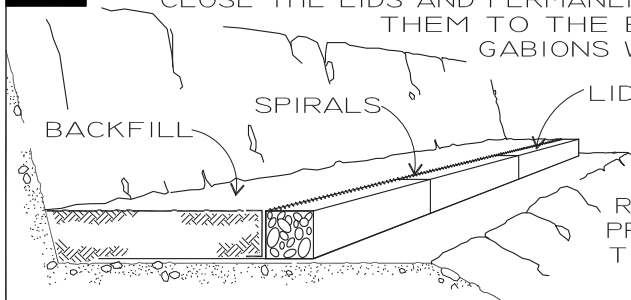
NEVER  
BACKFILL  
AGAINST  
THE BACK OF  
AN EMPTY BASKET



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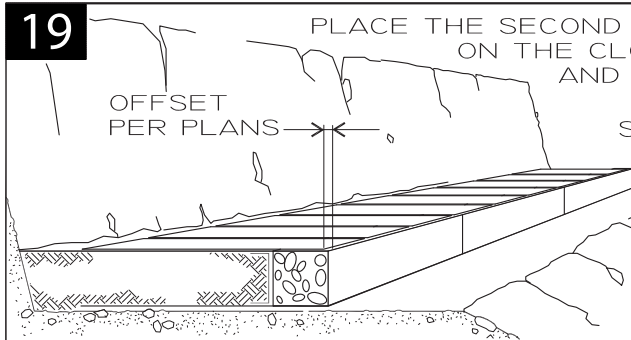
WHEN THE GABIONS ARE FILLED WITH ROCK, CLOSE THE LIDS AND PERMANENTLY CONNECT THEM TO THE BACK OF THE GABIONS WITH SPIRALS.



COMPLETE THE SOIL BACKFILL AND COMPACTION AS REQUIRED IN THE PROJECT PLANS TO THE TOP OF THE BASKETS

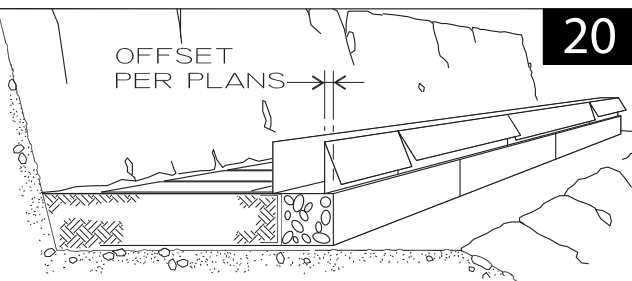
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PLACE THE SECOND LIFT OF MATS ON THE CLOSED GABIONS AND THE BACKFILL



SET THE FIRST TRANSVERSE WIRE ON THE MATS 6" BACK FROM THE FACE OF THE GABIONS. SEE STEP 21.

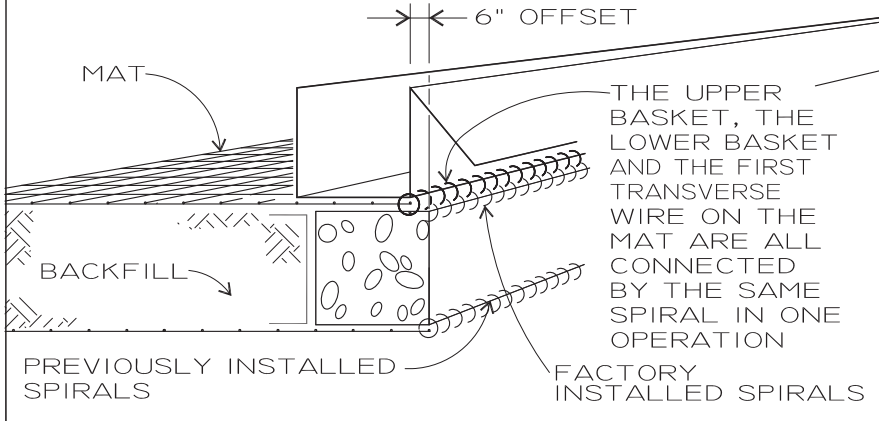
PLACE THE SECOND ROW OF GABIONS ON THE MATS, WITH THE FRONT FACE OFFSET FROM THE GABIONS BELOW



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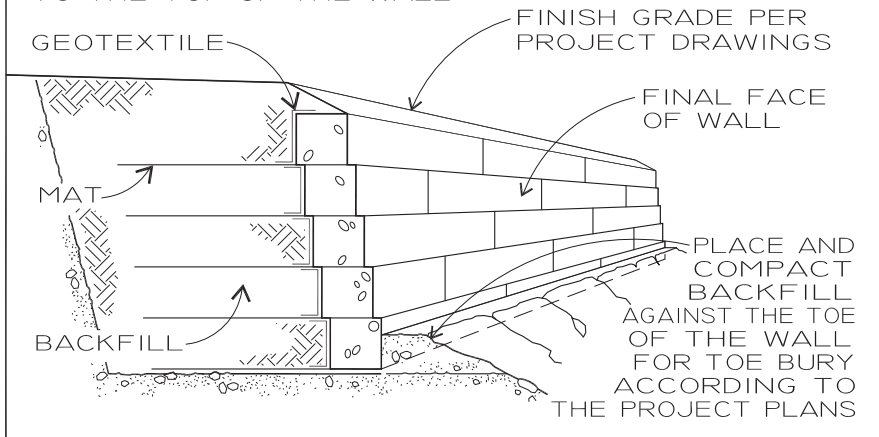
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PERMANENTLY CONNECT THE GABIONS AND MATS WITH SPIRALS AS SHOWN.



CONTINUE STEPS 16 THRU 21 TO THE TOP OF THE WALL

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## FORMING ANGLES WITH GABIONS

### TO FORM A CONVEX ANGLE (PLAN VIEW LOOKING DOWN ON THE WALL)

TRIM THE BACK OF  
THE GABION IF  
NECESSARY

SPIRAL  
OR TIE  
WIRE

BACK OF  
GABION  
WALL

REMOVE THE  
END PANEL ON  
THE LEFT GABION  
AND SLIDE THE  
END OF THE RIGHT  
GABION INSIDE. OVERLAP  
THE BOTTOM AND LID PANELS

SPIRAL

FACE OF  
GABION  
WALL

### TO FORM A CONCAVE ANGLE (PLAN VIEW LOOKING DOWN ON THE WALL)

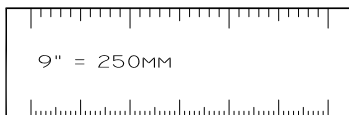
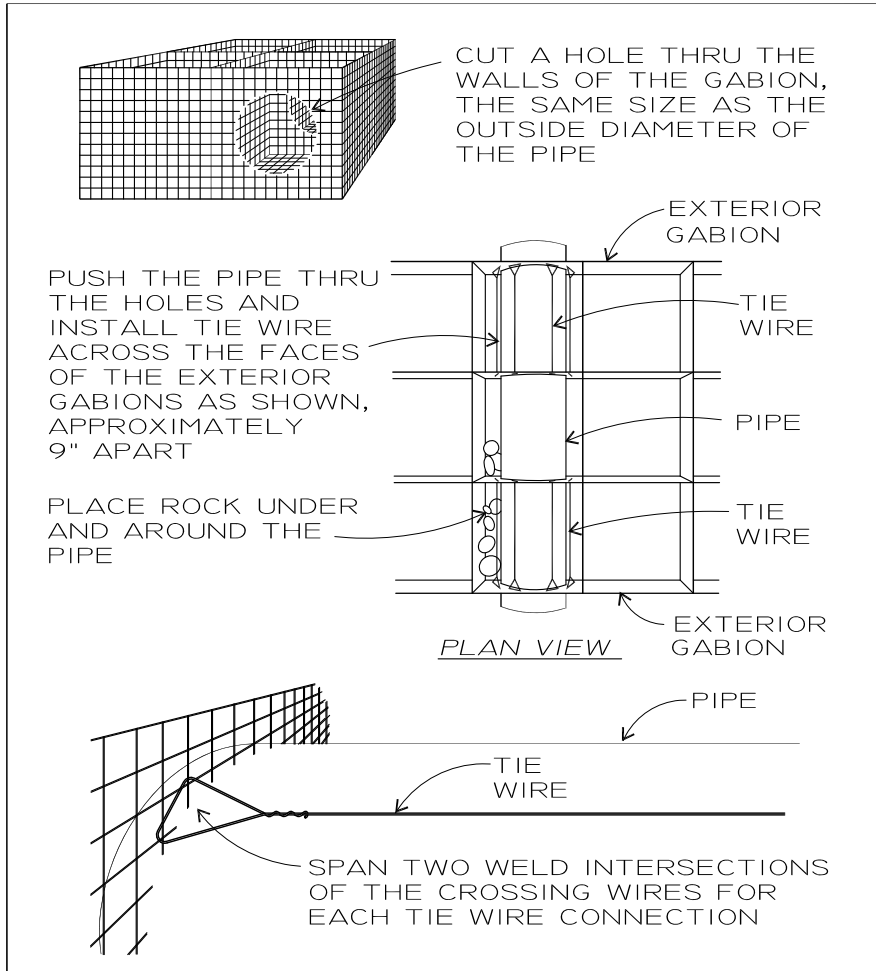
SPREAD THE GABIONS  
APART AS NECESSARY

BACK OF  
GABION  
WALL

SPIRAL

FACE OF  
GABION  
WALL

## PIPE PENETRATION THRU GABION





### ***GABION WIRE SPECIFICATIONS***

USA WIRE GAUGE	DIAMETER, INCHES	MINIMUM ALLOWABLE AVERAGE GABION WIRE DIAMETER WITH CLASS 3 ZINC-COATING, INCHES
9	.148	.144
11	.120	.116
13.5	.086	.082 (STANDARD TIE WIRE)

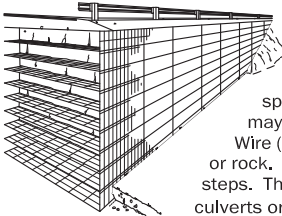
### ***SOIL REINFORCEMENT MAT WIRE SIZE COMPARISON TABLE***

"W" SIZE NUMBER	NOMINAL DIAMETER (INCHES)	NOMINAL DIAMETER (MM)
W12.0	.391	9.9
W9.5	.348	8.8
W7.0	.299	7.6
W4.5	.239	6.1
W4.0	.226	5.7
W3.5	.211	5.4

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WELDED WIRE REINFORCEMENT (WWR)  
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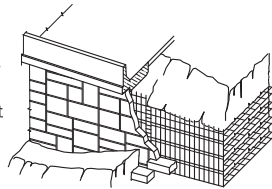


### WELDED WIRE WALL

The Hilfiker Welded Wire Retaining Wall is a flexible soil reinforcement system. It is composed of Welded Wire Mesh mats and compacted soil. Mats are supplied in 8' (2.44m) spans, and 24" (610mm) horizontal lifts. The final wall face may be vertical or battered, and may remain exposed Welded Wire (as shown) or may be covered with air-blown mortar, plants or rock. The Welded Wire Wall is adaptable to curves, angles and steps. The mats are easily cut to permit installation of penetrating culverts or pipes, or to fit special site applications.

### EUREKA REINFORCED SOIL (E.R.S.)

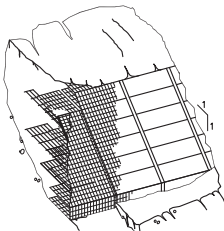
The Hilfiker E.R.S. Retaining Wall begins as a Welded Wire Wall, with the addition of face anchors to tie to a concrete face. After completion and settlement of the Welded Wire Wall, a solid facing is attached. This may be cast-in-place concrete, precast full-height concrete panels, or special rock or gunite as required by the project specifications. The facial treatment of this retaining wall adapts easily to almost any pattern or concept.



### HILFIKER STEEPENED SLOPE

The Hilfiker Steepened Slope system is composed of Welded Wire Fabric components. The flat primary soil reinforcement mats are interlocked with bent facing mats, prefabricated to a 1:1 slope. The slope may be flattened, if desired, by stepping back each layer. Behind the facing mats are Welded Wire Fabric backing mats incorporated with erosion mat or sod.

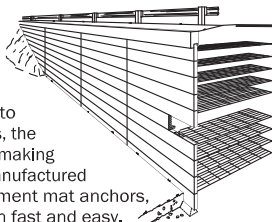
Virtually any type of sod or vegetation that will best suit the environment may be used with this system. Low-growth, maintenance-free vegetation is typically specified.



### REINFORCED SOIL EMBANKMENT (SMOOTH FACE)

The R.S.E. Smooth Face Retaining Wall retains most of the advantages of the Hilfiker Welded Wire Wall, while providing the additional durability of precast face panels.

The concrete panels can be cast with a smooth finish, or to match a variety of architectural treatments. In most structures, the simple 12'-6" x 2'-6" (3.81m x 0.76m) standard panel is used, making all the panels interchangeable. Special panel sizes can be manufactured when required. Panels are cast with pre-installed reinforcement mat anchors, and a cantilever footing at the back face, making installation fast and easy.



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## MATERIAL WARRANTY FOR HILFIKER SYSTEMS

Hilfiker Retaining Walls warrants that all retaining wall and gabion materials manufactured by Hilfiker shall be free from defects in design and workmanship and shall conform in all respects to one or more of the following applicable specifications:

ASTM	AASHTO	Standard Specification Description
A1064 *	M 336 **	Steel Wire and Welded Wire, Plain and Deformed
A53		Steel Pipe
A500-03a		Steel Tubing
A36		Carbon Structural Steel
A370	T 244	Test Methods & Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
A123	M 111	Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products (2 oz. / SF galvanization)
A641		Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire (class 3 galvanization)
A740 - 98(2014)		Hardware Cloth (Woven or Welded Galvanized Steel Wire Fabric)

\*ASTM A82 and A185 were combined in 2010 into A1064

\*\*AASHTO M 32 and M 55 were combined in 2018 into M 336

It is assumed that construction and workmanship meet all material requirements and specifications as provided by Hilfiker. All backfill materials are provided by the Contractor who is solely responsible for the material quality and the installation of the backfill. Not covered by any implied or express warranty would be foundation settlement, settlement of the backfill, erosion of the foundation soils, or corrosion of the reinforcement due to the use of non-conforming backfill, and other external stability matters. Hilfiker Retaining Walls cannot offer a performance warranty because we have no control over the wall materials after delivery to the jobsite.

The design associated with this warranty was based on information provided to Hilfiker and their consulting engineer by the Owner/Contractor. The consulting engineer who prepared the associated design has a valid license and provides professional liability coverage. Their obligation is to live up to the standard of practice (standard of care) for the given geographic location at the time the service is, or was provided. Alterations to their design submittals, without prior approval, will nullify any responsibility on their part.

Hilfiker Retaining Walls requires that the wall components are manufactured to the stipulated ASTM standards as well as internal quality assurance standards for fabrication. However, we do not exercise control over the construction, use, or the service conditions to which the wall is subjected and thus would void our insurance by attempting to extend coverage into areas for which we have no control.

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