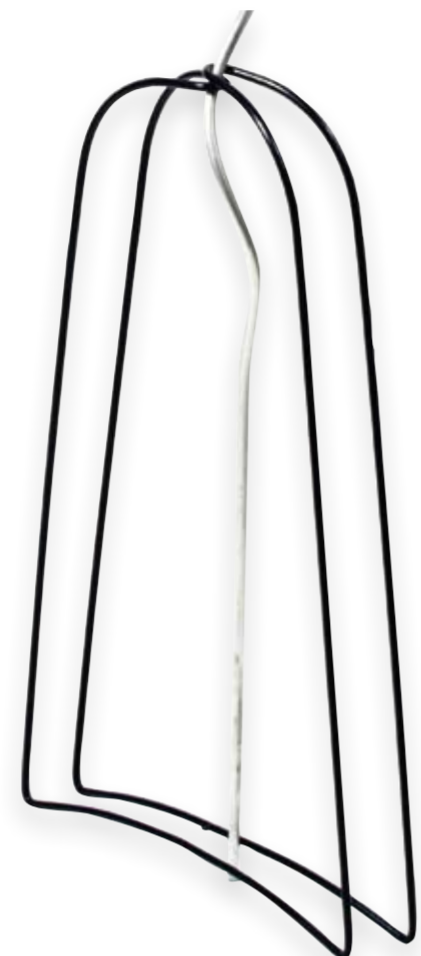


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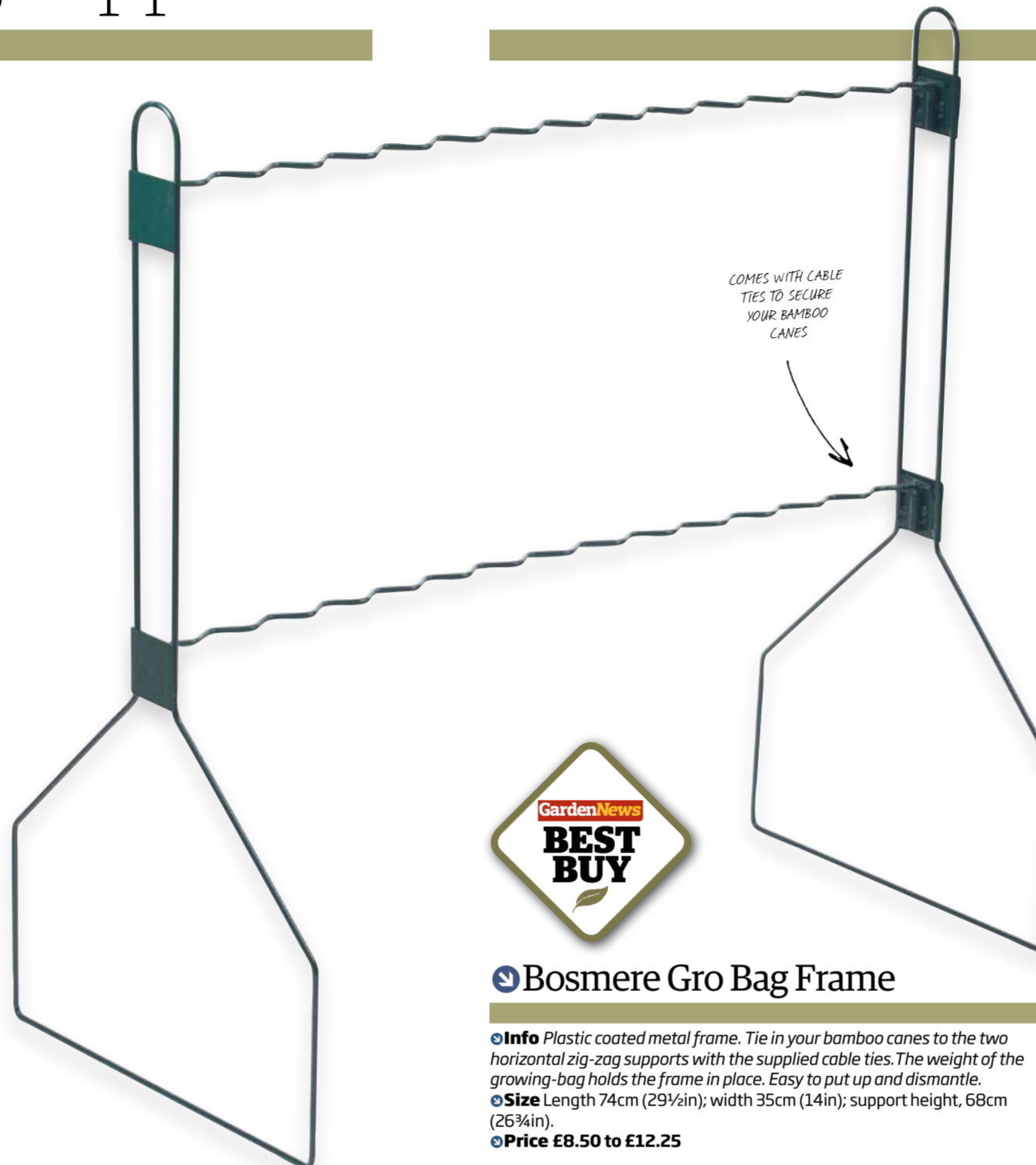
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Gardman Grow-Bag Cane Frame

Info Made from plastic-coated metal. Supports bamboo canes or Gardman Grow Spirals with the firm cantilever-action arms. The frames also help hold the sides of the growing-bag together to prevent it sagging. The weight of the growing-bag holds the supports in place. Pack contains three supports. The 1.8m (6ft) long, galvanised Grow Spirals support plants without having to tie them in.
Size Support height: 51cm (20in).
Price £5.99; Grow Spirals £9.99 for three

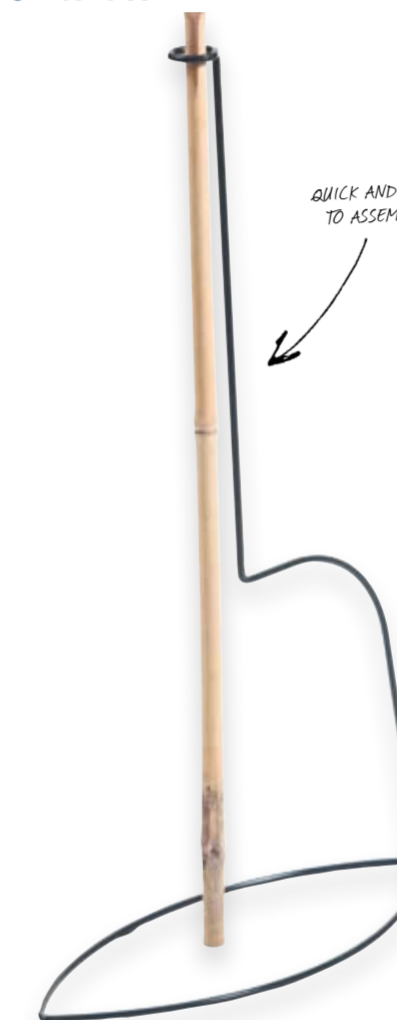


Bosmere Gro Bag Frame

Info Plastic coated metal frame. Tie in your bamboo canes to the two horizontal zig-zag supports with the supplied cable ties. The weight of the growing-bag holds the frame in place. Easy to put up and dismantle.
Size Length 74cm (29½in); width 35cm (14in); support height, 68cm (26¾in).
Price £8.50 to £12.25

Botanico Quick Fit Grow Bag Cane Support Set

Info Made from rust-proof coated steel. Supports bamboo canes through top support loop. The weight of the growing-bag holds the supports in place. Pack contains three supports.
Size Support height: 60cm (24in).
Price £6.99



Two Wests & Elliott Grow Bag Support

Info Frame made from rigid, bolt together aluminium sections. Tie your bamboo canes to the central top bar. Supplied with snug fitting 5cm (2in) deep plastic growing-bag tray. Easy to put together and move around. When not in use, turn the frame upside down, put the tray on the top and you have a staging or work area!
Size Length 100cm (39in), width 42.5cm (16¾in), support height 90cm (35½in).
Price £39.95



Giving support!

Geoff Hodge looks at products to give support to tomatoes and other vegetable crops in growing-bags.

GROWING-bags are one of the most popular products for growing tomatoes and a wide range of other vegetable crops. However, one issue that most of us face is how to support large plants, like tomatoes, when using them.

Well, never fear, the growing-bag plant support guide is here. These are some of the most popular and best ways of ensuring tall, heavy or scrambling crops, such as cucumbers, get the full support they deserve.

Apart from the Crown Garden Products Grow Bag Frame, which is a complete growing unit, you will need to provide your own bamboo canes or similar sturdy supports.

Suppliers

Agriframes
0845 260 4450
www.agriframes.co.uk
Bosmere
01293 586200
www.bosmere.com
Botanico
01905 798666
www.botanicogarden.co.uk
Supplies direct to garden

centres and stores
Crown Garden Products
01379 740221
www.crowngardenproducts.com
Gardman
01406 372237
www.gardman.co.uk
Supplies direct to garden centres and stores
Plant Supports UK
01584 781578
www.plantsupports.co.uk
Select IP
0114 272 9088
www.selectip.co.uk
Two Wests & Elliott
01246 451077
www.twowests.co.uk



Select IP Firm Fix

Info Plastic 20cm (8in) diameter discs inserted through the underside of the growing-bag. Turn over the bag and insert your canes into the two 10cm (4in) long support tubes. Plastic wedges are provided to give the canes extra rigidity. The two canes support a single plant. The weight of the growing-bag holds the discs in place. Sold in sets of three.
Price £9.99

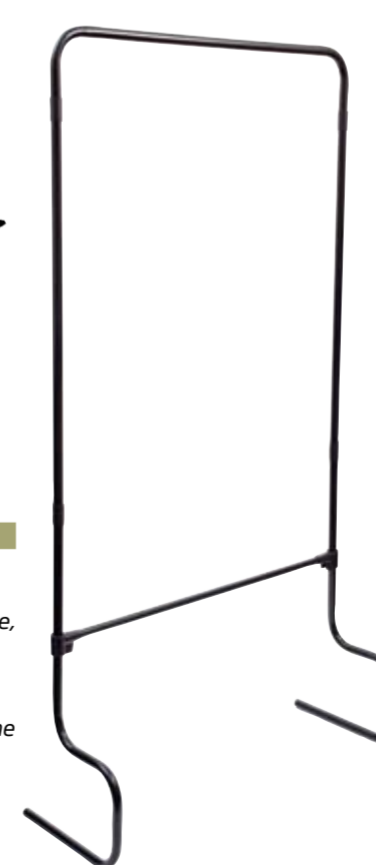


Plant Supports Grow Bag Cane Support

Info Made from powder-coated metal. Supports bamboo canes through two opposing support loop arms. The weight of the growing-bag holds the supports in place. Sold in sets of three supports.
Size Support height: 34cm (13½in).
Price £6

Agriframes Grow Bag Support

Info Made from powder-coated metal. Tie in plants to the frame uprights and the supplied polytwine, or tie in your own bamboo canes or stretch string between the two horizontal bars of the frame. The weight of the growing-bag holds the frame in place. Easy to put up - can be picked up and moved if needed.
Size 76cm (30in) long, 30cm (12in) feet, 1.5m (5ft) high
Price £30.22



Crown Garden Products Grow Bag Frame

Info Frame made from galvanised steel, three looped ties made from 12mm (½in) plastic strapping. Unique design. Place growing-bag on its edge, rather than flat, which provides improved depth for root development and better growth and a watering void at the top of the bag that reduces spills and mess. Easy to put up, move around when planted up and dismantle.
Size Length 82cm (32¼in), width 28cm (11in), support height 113cm (44½in)
Price £19.95

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