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Readyleaf continuous hedging

Skills required: Basic carpentry skills: if you can build a small fence you can build a continuous hedge.

Type:

Timber frame set in ground covered with Readyleaf foliage tiles.



Continuous hedging around pool made with timber frame and Readyleaf hedging tiles

Application:

Pool surround hedging 30 cm high by 20cm deep (including leaf). Also great for walkways and garden boundaries

Materials:

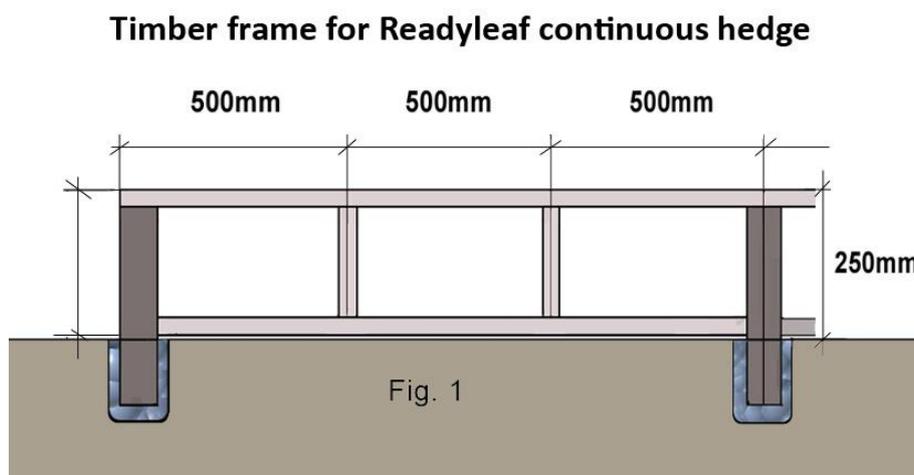
- Readyleaf tiles (ficus microleaf)
- Framing timber – 100mm x50mm rough sawn H3 tanalised radiata. (Fencing rails)
- Posts – 100mm x 75mm rough sawn H4 tanalised radiata *The dimensions of the timber chosen for the hedging below may differ for hedges of different dimensions*

Building the timber frame:

When measuring dimensions, double check against a tile the so that the joints match the timber framing. Ideally the tiles will meet on the timber 'studs' and be fixed to these.

Once a clear line has been established, set the posts about 250mm to 350cm into the ground and 1.5m apart using quickset concrete (depth depends on whether soil is soft or hard).

Build the frame with a top rail and bottom dwangs. to the required length as shown in fig. 1



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Weedmat underlay

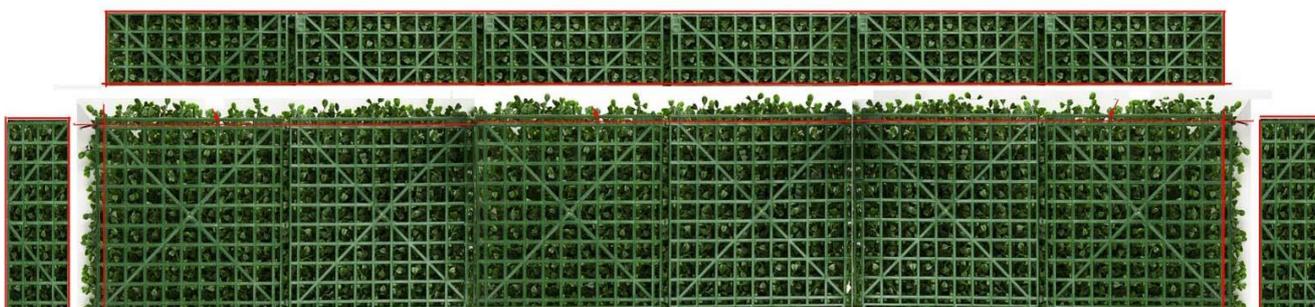
Cover the frame in black weed fabric. This stops light penetrating through the hedge and adds depth to it's appearance.

Cutting the tiles to fit the frame

The smallest tile module is 25cm x 25cm. Excluding the height of the foliage (50mm) the hedge will be exactly one 25cm square module high. Tiles are joined with clips on the outer strip of the tile. For small hedges it's not necessary to join all the tiles as they will be stapled to the timber.

Wherever two faces meet at right angles (eg. top of hedge meets side of hedge) cut these strips off to avoid gaps in the foliage at the edges and corners.

Diagram showing reverse side of tiles and outer strips to be cut off for seamless corners and edges



Hedge face (showing 1 of 2), top and ends, cut strips off along the red lines shown

Fig.2

The hedge ends and top piece are cut to 4 squares wide to match the 100mm width of the timber frame
Note the absence of the outer strips.

Attaching the tiles to the frame:

Fix the tiles to the wooden frame using galvanised netting staples. Space the staples closely enough to ensure the tiles sit tightly on the frame.

Check along the corners and edges for gaps. If there are any, there is an easy fix. Just thread a 30mm galvanised jolthead nail through the eyelet of a leaf sprig and nail it into the timber where the gap is. If the tiles have been cut correctly this should not be necessary.



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