

Helpful Tips for Assembling the Border Tuteurs

1. Unpack the items, removing all cardboard and tape that holds them together.
2. Find a partner. You need another person to help in assembling these. The partner's role is to hold this up while you screw in pieces.
3. Screw the top two pieces together with the finial supplied in the hardware bag. Screw tightly.
4. With a partner, put the long pieces into the top and hold upright. They will wobble and it is best to hold them upright on a flat, sturdy surface like a driveway or sidewalk.
5. Throw the rings over the top. They will rest on the ground encircling the posts.
6. Start with the top ring. Using the provided screws, screw the ring into the top piece on two opposite sides. Leave the other opposite sides alone for now.
7. Repeat this process with all of the other rings. **BUT HERE IS THE TRICK.** Ensure that the screwed in rings fall directly under the original two screwed in rings. They should align vertically. The included instructions miss this trick.
8. Time for the curved pieces. Go to the top, find an empty screw hole and placing the curved piece on the **OUTSIDE** of the structure see how it aligns with an empty screw hole on the next lower ring. Screw these on. This may be confusing – take your time to understand the placement.
9. Add the remaining curved pieces by screwing them to the empty screw holes.
10. Voila! You are done – shake hands with your partner who has been holding things together for you.

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