

# How to make a Burrow Flap

Burrow flaps can be made from a range of materials and are fairly easy to assemble.

**Basics you may need:**



**Hot glue gun**



**Stanley Knife**



**pliers**



**Wire cutters**



**Cable ties**

Ice cream lids are popular

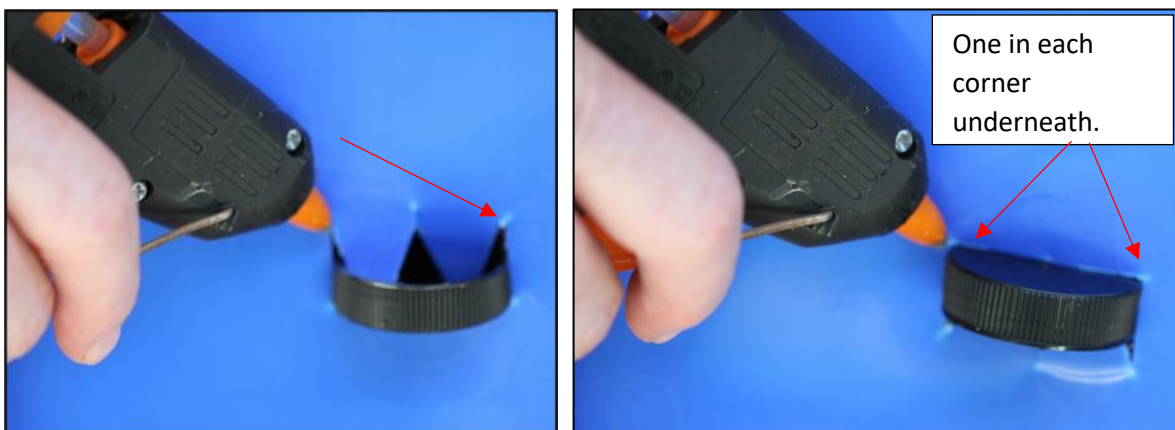




Using a Stanley knife (or similar) make a horizontal cut the width of the container to be used (tuna tin) etc. through the centre of the lid. Then vertical cuts the depth of the tin at each end, then more cuts to form a W. This will hold the tin tightly when in place.



Push tin into lid and rotate slightly so that the two fingers are bent either side of the centre of the container.



Using the hot glue gun, place dobs of hot glue where shown, this will hold the tin firmly in place and help prevent the wombat dislodging it.

Plastic and corflute are quite light and can blow in the wind and spill the Cydectin. These flaps can be weighted.



**1. Punch 2 holes using a hammer and nail or similar as shown.**

**Cut a piece of wood no longer than the lid width.**

**Our wombats will have little trouble pushing past weighted lid.**



**2. Attach wood (ie weight) to lid with plastic ties string or similar.**



**3. It will take a very strong wind to move the flap.**

## Reinforced chicken wire is another option.

- Cut the reinforced chicken wire 23cm x 20cm approximately (*this size fits between a standard wire frame*). The wire mesh could be as long or short as you want depending on the size of the burrow entrance and number of receptacles you think you need to insert.
- Use pliers to bend up any sharp pieces.

### Insert a container to hold the Cydectin

30ml medicine cups fit perfectly inside this gauge wire. You can also use a small tuna or cat food tin or something similar in size. Just cut the wire so the tin can fit and stabilize it with some hot glue.

### Advantages

Wire flaps don't blow in the wind and are less conspicuous.



**Example:** reinforced chicken wire frames with medicine cup inserted. A small indent on the top ridge of the cup can be made using a heated up heavy gauge needle and this will hold the cup in place.



Medicine cups showing indents.



The wire frame supporting this burrow flap has been inserted into the top of burrow and is another way of positioning the flap. Every burrow is different, and you may need to be inventive.

Make sure cable ties are tight, to stop the flap from sliding sideways.

A tuna tin has been used to hold the Cydectin. This has been held in place using a hot glue gun.

Make sure the flap can swing back and forth without snagging on anything.



This large burrow proved challenging and has been targeted with a number of small flaps.

Remember your treatment will only be successful if the flap has been positioned properly.

If you discover your burrow flap has been trashed by the wombat it may not have been installed effectively. Too low or not stable enough.

This is where you can be inventive.



Corflute frame with large lid



Corflute frame with 2 tins



Ice cream lid with bottle top