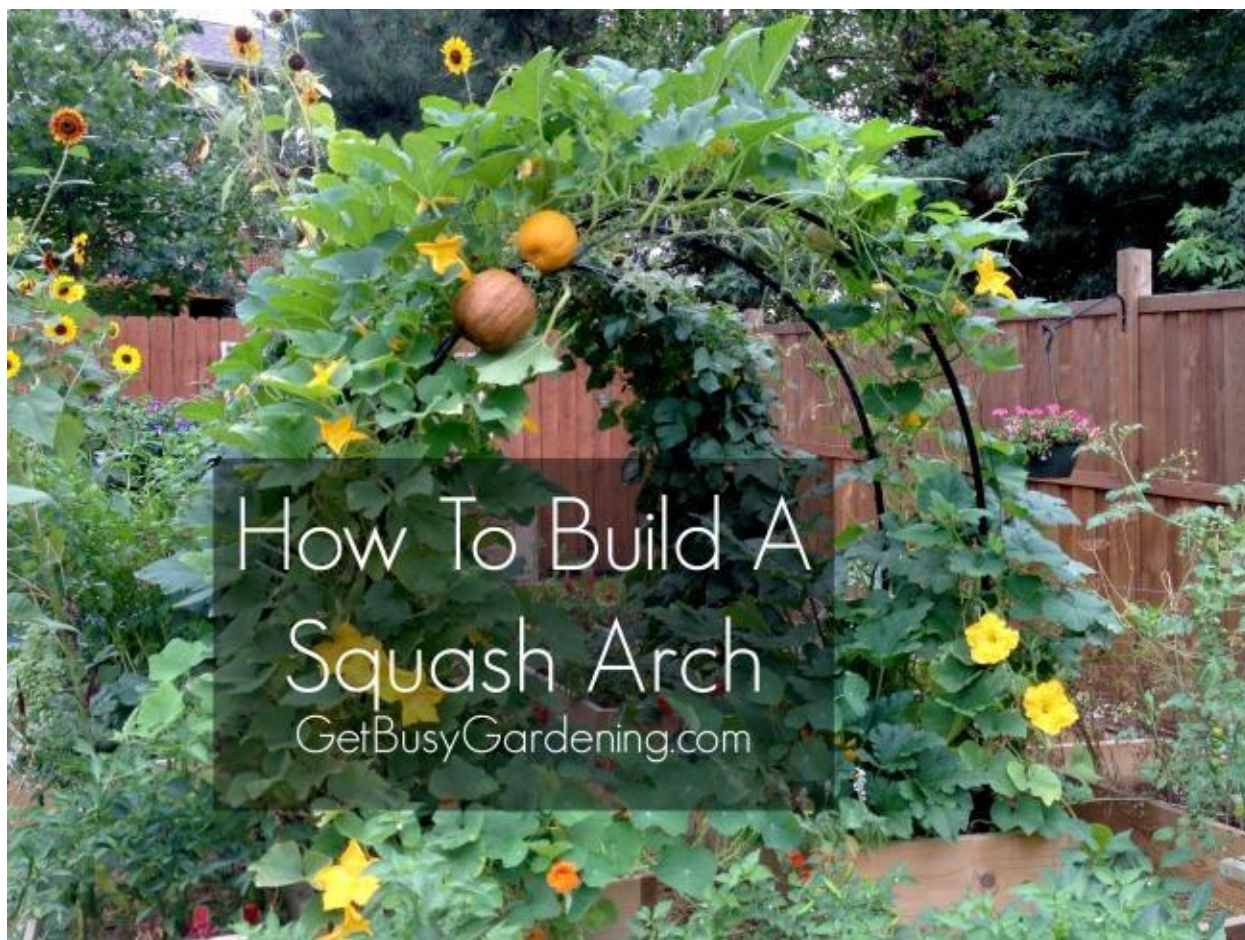




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Building a Squash Arch: Step-by-Step Instructions



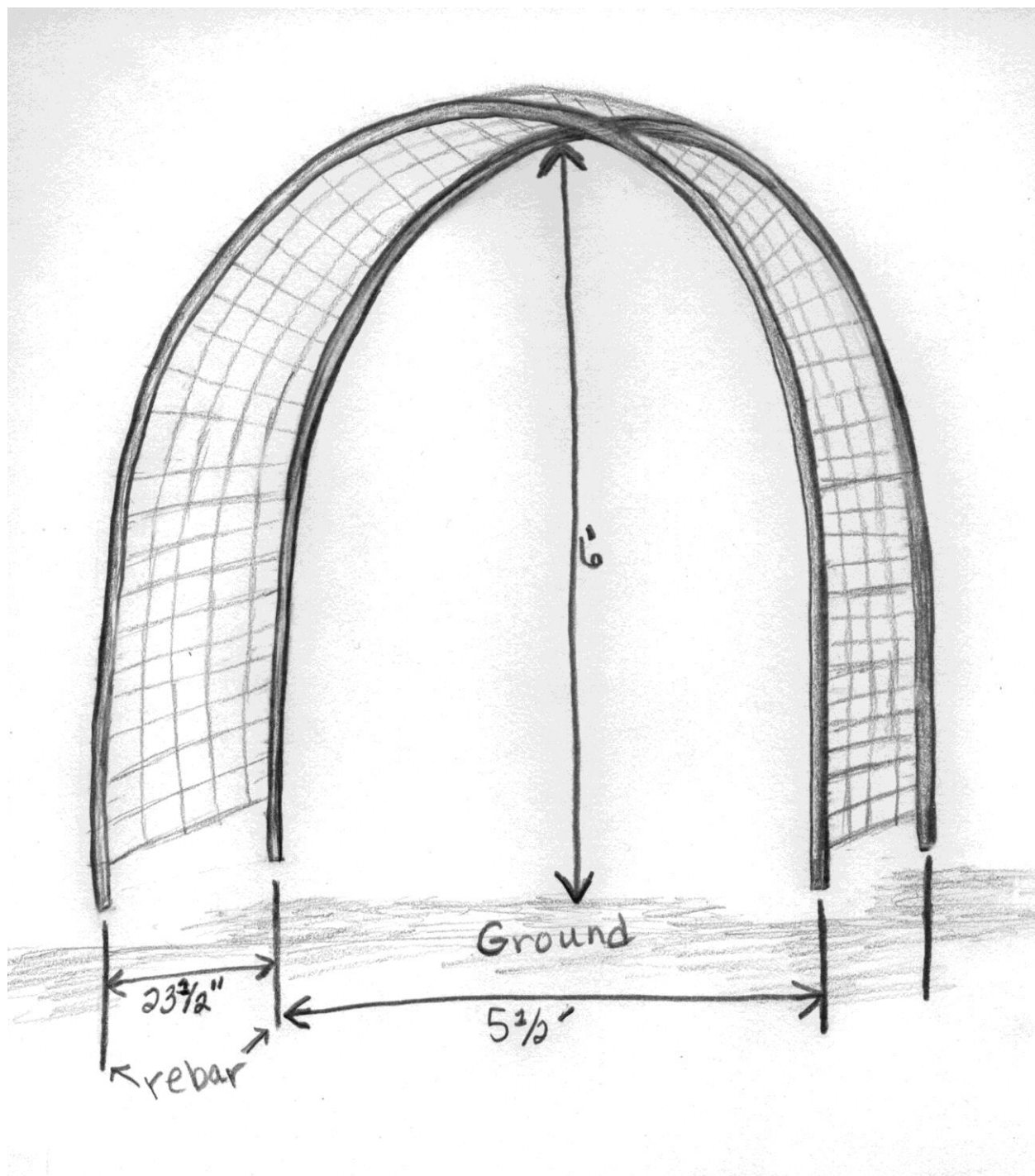
Supplies Needed:

- One 15' long piece of 28" metal garden fencing
- Three 10' long ½" diameter PVC pipes
- Two ½" PVC pipe connectors (couplings)
- Four 2' lengths of rebar (*Note: Test each piece of rebar to ensure it fits into the end of the PVC pipe, some rebar has wider ends than others*)
- PVC glue
- Wire cutters
- Saw or PVC pipe cutters
- Hammer
- Tape measure
- Spray paint made for plastics in any color desired (optional)



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1. Cut one of the PVC pipes in half using the saw or PVC pipe cutters. This will give you two 5' lengths of PVC. The other two pieces should remain the 10' length.
2. Attach one 5' length of PVC to one 10' length of PVC using the PVC glue and one coupling. Repeat with the other two 5' and 10' length of PVC. You will end up with two 15' long PVC pipes.



3. Lay the fencing material out on a long flat surface. Cut the fencing into one 15' length (if necessary) using wire cutters.



4. Weave the PVC into the fencing at the outer edges.



5. Use the tape measure to determine where the rebar stakes will go. There will be two rebar stakes on each side of the arch. Pound the first two rebar stakes into the ground 23 ½ inches apart. Leave about 3" of the rebar sticking out of the ground.



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6. Pound the next two rebar stakes into the ground 23 ½ inches apart, 5 ½ feet across from the first two stakes; leaving about 3" of the rebar sticking out of the ground.
7. Slide one of each of the four corners of the PVC pipes over the rebar pieces to hold the arch in place.



8. If you choose to paint the arch, wait until after it's fully assembled.



9. Plants or seeds can be planted on either the inside or the outside of the arch.

10. When choosing plants to grow on this arch, be sure to look for vine or pole varieties, and not bush varieties. My favorite types of plants to grow on my arch are squash or pole beans. I've grown [Sugar Pie Pumpkins](#), [Butternut](#) and [Delicata](#) squash with great success. My favorite types of green beans to grow on this arch are [Kentucky Wonder](#) and [Blue Lake](#) pole beans.

