



Enrichrich Instructions

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General Information

This innovative foraging enrichment device was originally created for Galapagos tortoises. It creates a fun way to elevate browse or other diet items and secure them in place for stretching and ripping behaviors.

Safety Concerns

There is a potential entrapment risk if hung with loose cables. Ensure all wing nuts are securely fastened and out of animal's reach.

Materials Needed

- Two equal sized pieces of Trex board
- 2 x 2" eye bolts
- 3 x 4" bolts
- 3 x washers
- 3 x wing nuts
- 5 x lock nuts
- Drill with drill bits
- Wrench



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Instructions

STEP 1 Drill holes on either end of one of the Trex boards for the eyebolts. Secure the eyebolts with lock nuts.

STEP 2 Sandwich the two Trex boards so the bumpy sides are facing each other. Drill holes through both pieces for your bolts.

STEP 3 Pass each bolt through a washer and then through the Trex board that DOES NOT have the eyebolts. Secure the bolts in place to that board with a lock nut. This ensures the bolts cannot fall out, even if the wing nut comes off.

STEP 4 Place the second Trex board on top, with bumpy sides facing together and secure down with wing nuts.

Notes: The closer towards the center you place the eyebolts, the more unstable the browser will be! This can increase the challenge for ripping and pulling behaviors. The photo shows eye hooks instead of eye bolts but it was determined by the keepers that bolts with separate cables would be safer practice.

