

# USING GABION BASKETS AND RENO MATTRESSES

## ON GREEN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## BREAKING GROUND ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Protecting the environment is perhaps more important than the project itself

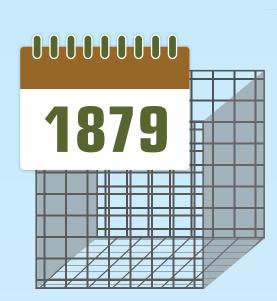


Unprotected soil can shift or erode, but erosion and sediment control measures help keep soil in its place

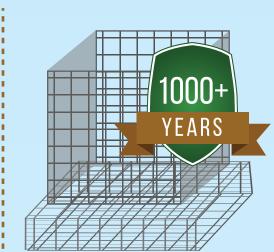


Gabion baskets and reno mattresses are effective, but more economical and ecological than manufactured walls

## GABION BASKETS AND RENO MATTRESSES



The earliest "modern" double-twist woven gabion basket dates to 1879

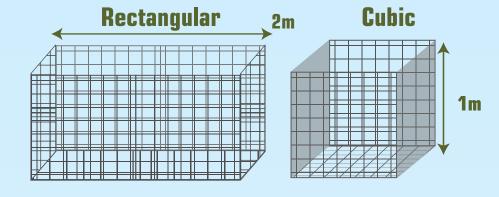


For thousands of years, gabion baskets and reno mattresses have been in use in one form or another

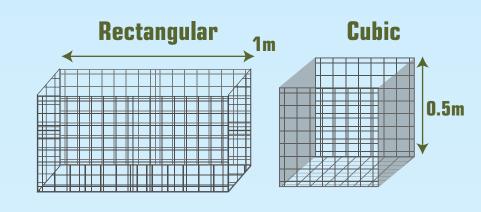


Today's gabion baskets can last upwards of sixty years.

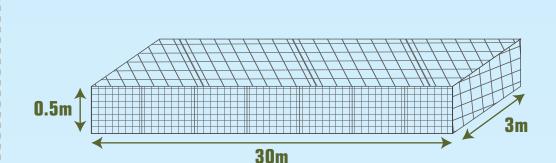
#### **BASKET AND MATTRESS SHAPES**



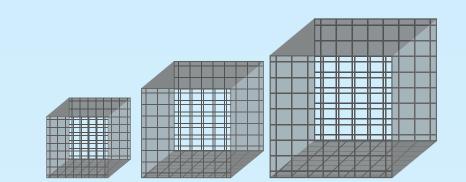
Gabion baskets are rectangular or cuboid, 1 m x 1 m in 2 m, 3 m, or 4 m lengths



Mini gabions are rectangular or cuboid, 0.5 m x 0.5 m in 2 m, 3 m, or 4 m lengths

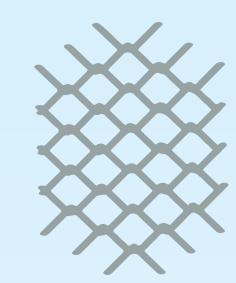


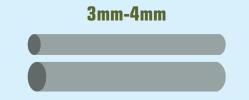
Reno mattresses are flat, .3m or .5m deep, 2m or 3m wide by 30m long.



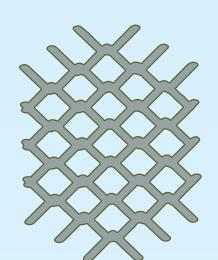
Decorative welded wire gabions come in a variety of sizes

## **BASKET AND MATTRESS MATERIALS**





General-purpose gabions are constructed of 3 mm or 4 mm galvanized steel wire



#### 3.7mm PVC Coated

3.7 mm PVC-coated galvanized steel wire is recommended for exposure to salt water. PVC protects from UV degradation, as well



Lacing options include wire, hog rings, and coils

## DEPENDING ON THE APPLICATION, GABION BASKETS CAN BE FILLED WITH A VARIETY OF MATERIALS



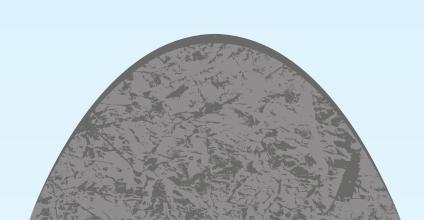
Local stone, sorted and washed



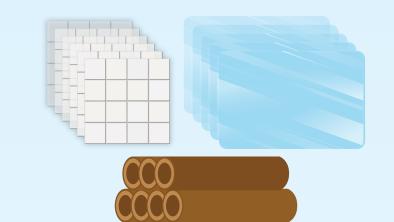
Purchased aggregates

STREAM BEDS, STREAM BANKS,

**RUNOFF CHANNELS** 



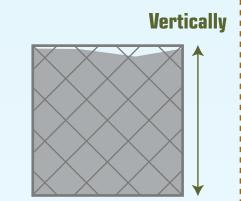
Construction and demolition materials



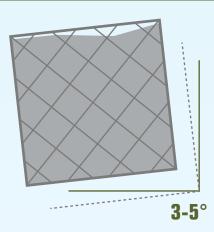
Slate, tile, glass, wood, etc.

#### **USE IN SOIL RETENTION PROJECTS**

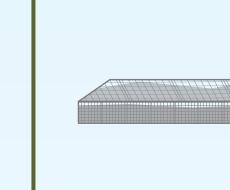
#### RETENTION WALLS



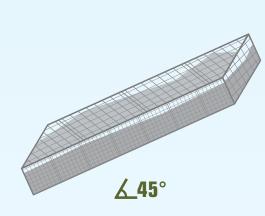
Gabion baskets usually stacked or stepped vertically



Can lean 3 to 5° into the slope



Reno mattresses lay flat on the grade



Can lay on up to 45° grade

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RETENTION
SOLUTIONS.

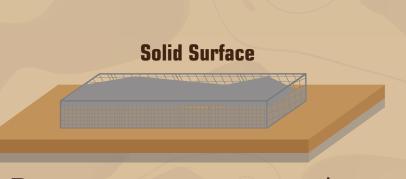


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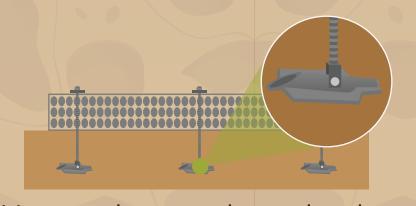
**GENERAL INSTALLATION NOTES** 



Gabion Baskets need a level graded solid surface



Reno mattresses need a graded solid surface



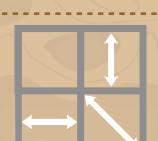
Use anchors to keep baskets or mattresses from shifting



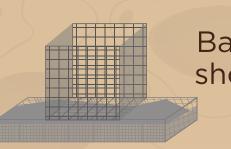
An appropriate filter (nonwoven geotextile) layer should also be used



Internal baffles should be perpendicular to the slope and water flow



Lacing options should be evenly spaced



Baskets and mattresses should be laced to each other at edges and baffles



Tie wires should be used to prevent face bulging



After filling, lace the top closed

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