

How to make Christmas Light Balls



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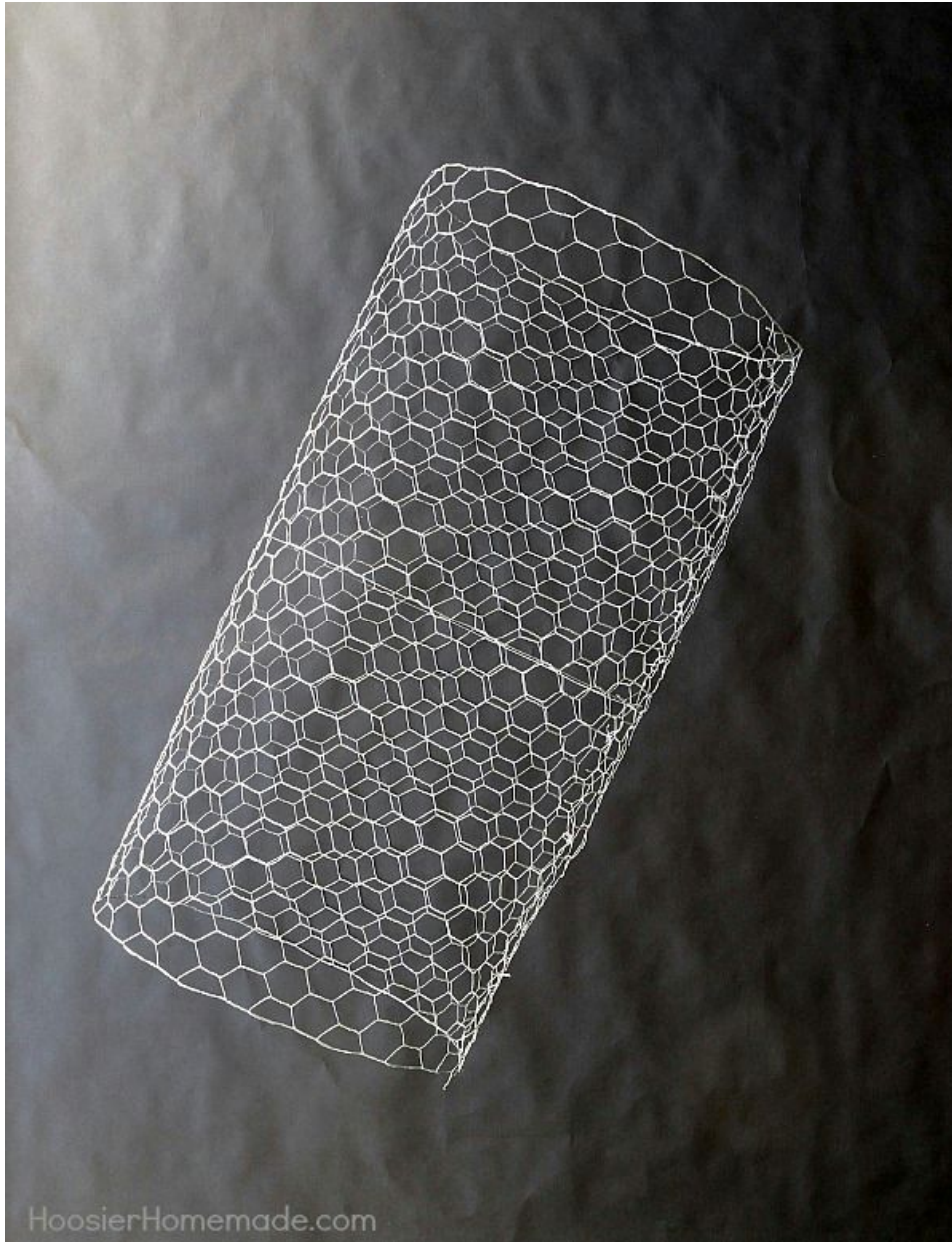
Christmas Light Balls Supplies

These Christmas Light Balls require only a few easy to find supplies and you can put a dozen together in an afternoon by yourself and each decoration costs only a few dollars so it won't ruin your holiday budget.

Here are the supplies you'll need:

- 24 inch wide chicken wire
- a pair of [Channellock Cutting Pliers](#) to cut the chicken wire
- a yard stick
- a pair of heavy gloves to protect your hands
- [2-50 light or 1-100 light strands of Christmas lights](#) in whatever color you choose

- a package of 4 inch zip ties
- a package of 8 inch zip ties



Step 1

Measure and cut off a 3 foot length of 2 foot wide chicken wire, then secure the cut ends together by twisting the ends together to form a two foot long cylinder.

CAUTION: Make sure to wear your heavy gloves when working with chicken wire.



Step 2

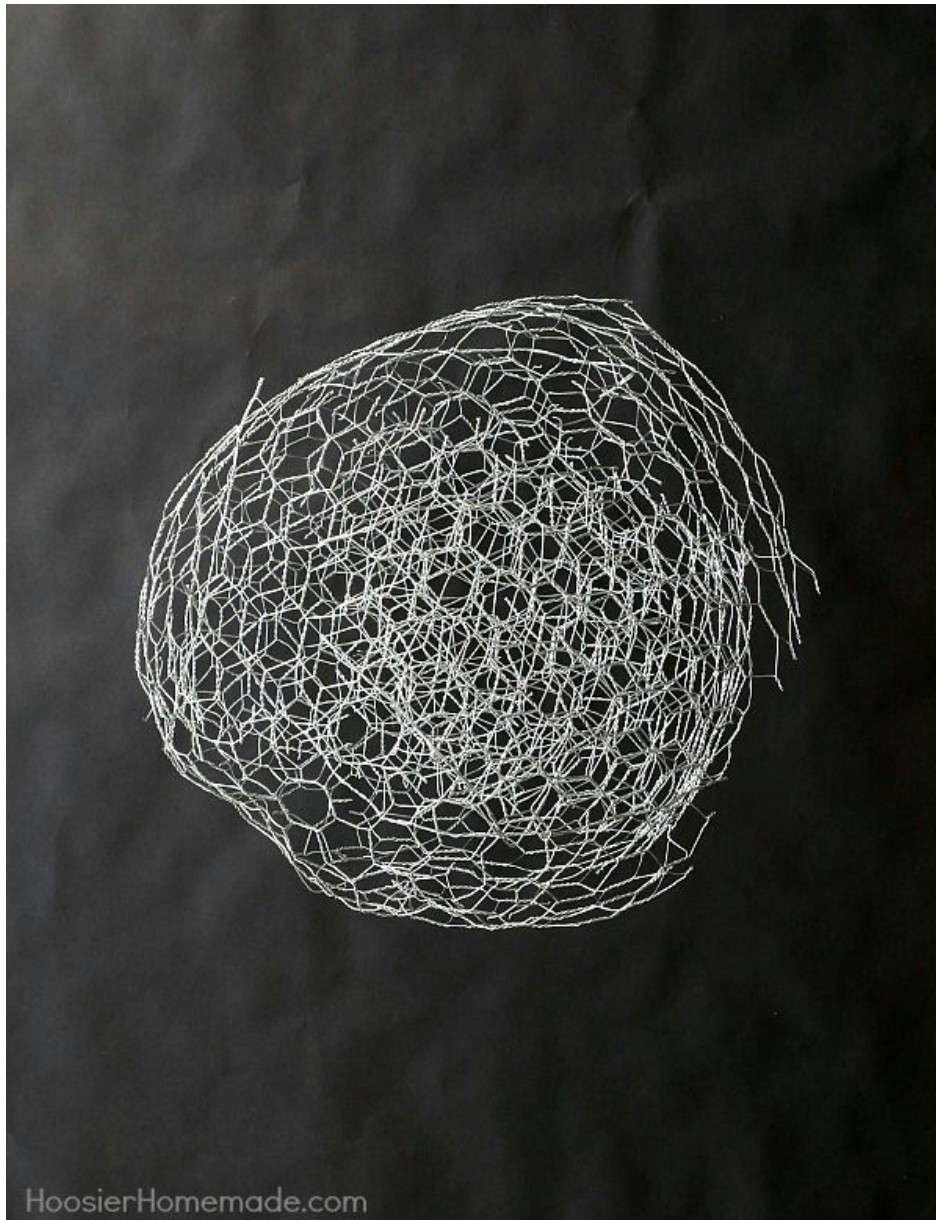
After the cylinder is formed, you will need to cut the wire to form the sphere. The cylinder will have a main wire running down the center, you can see that wire in the photo in step 1.

Start on one side, and cut the wire down to the center main wire. Then count over 6 sections – each hexagon shape counts as 1 section, then cut down to the center main wire. Repeat around cylinder. Doing this created 6 inch wide panels. Then fold each of the panels over one at a time to create each side of the ball. Doug found this to be easier than trying to fold or roll the chicken wire onto itself.



Step 3

Once you have the end formed to your liking secure the end by simply twisting some of the loose wires together. Then repeat Steps 2 and 3 for the other side.



Step 4

Now you can do any additional molding or bending to fine tune the shape of the chicken wire frame to your light balls.



Step 5

Next attach the plug end of your Christmas lights with a single 4 inch zip tie and then proceed to wrap the entire length of lights around the chicken wire frame.

We found that a 100 light strand covered well.



Step 6

Here is the finished Christmas light ball. Ready to be added to any of your outdoor yard decorations.

To hang the Christmas Light Balls in a tree, use 18 gauge aluminum wire to hang them from the limbs. Then run extension cords to each light ball and secure the cord around the wire and along the tree limbs with zip ties.

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