

How to get the St George's Cross Flag in your lawn

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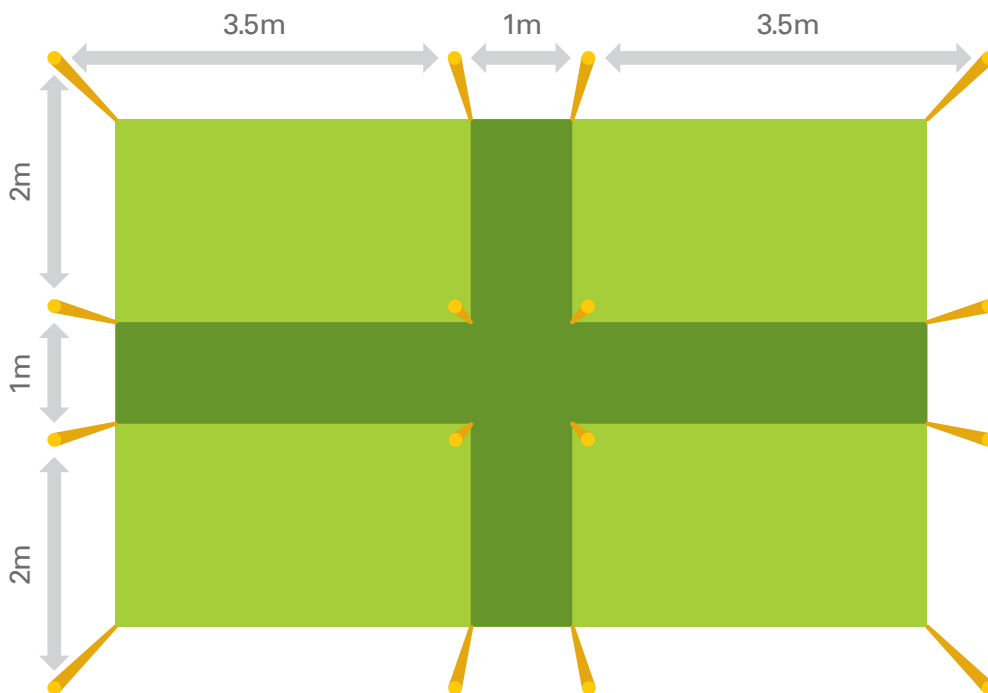
What you will need:

- A lawn that's been let to grow a couple of inches
- A lawnmower, one with variable cutting heights and a roller such as the Worx 40cm 24V will do the best job (it's also got a Mute™ function so you won't disturb your neighbours)
- A measuring tape
- 16 bamboo canes or other markers
- String
- Set Square (optional)
- Worx Li Ion shears (optional)



Step 1 – making the outline

- First you measure an 8m x 5m rectangle using the measuring tape and push a bamboo cane into the lawn to mark each corner.
- Then mark out the Cross: along the long horizontal edges of the rectangle, measure 3.5m from each corner and push a cane into the lawn – this should leave a 1m gap for the vertical stripe of the Cross.
- Along the vertical edges of the rectangle, measure out 2m from each corner and push in a cane to leave a 1m gap for the horizontal stripe of the Cross.
- You will need to mark out the inner corners of the Cross too – see the diagram.
- Use the string and Set Square to mark between the bamboo canes, ensuring you get straight lines and right-angle corners.



Step 2 – mowing

- Set your lawnmower to the longest cutting height and then mow around the outside of the flag to make the rectangular frame.
- Set your lawnmower to the next cutting height then mow across the interior of the flag – but all in the same direction so you don't get stripes within the flag.
- Lower the cutting height of your mower once again, and mow the 'white' sections of the flag. Again, follow the direction of the arrow so all the lawn lies in the same way and will give the desired shading effect.
- Be careful to avoid mowing over the string



Step 3 – the finishing touch

- Use the Worx Li-ion shears to trim along the edges and right into the corners to get a neat finish
- Once you're finished you can remove the string and pull out the bamboo canes
- Lower the cutting height of your mower to its lowest setting – now cut around the outside of the flag again (and the rest of your garden if it needs it) which will provide the perfect frame to proudly display the St George's Cross Flag and your support for the England team.
- Crack open the drinks and keep your fingers crossed for a winning result!



Tips:

- With the average British lawn being approx 20sqm (10m x 5m), we marked out a flag that was 8m x 5m. However, you could choose a 3m x 2m or a 5m x 3m. This will still give you the dimensions of the St George's Cross flag.
- At this time of year, most lawns need mowing every week – depending on the weather. So to continue displaying your support for the boys, you may need to re-mow the lawn before each match. This should be easier as you can just follow the same outline without having to measure and mark it out again.
- If you don't have a rotary mower, then you could just mow out the 4 corner rectangles so this grass is shorter than the rest and will appear lighter.
- To really go to town, you can get marker paints (these are normally used to mark the lines on sports pitches) in red and white. But please check with your wife (or parents) first!



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