

## Garden-Gate Fireplace Screen

### Materials:

- Old metal garden gate
- Wire brush
- 1 x 4 wood board
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Hammer
- Five 1¼"-wide pipe straps
- Several 1" screws
- Two 4" L brackets
- Drill with a cobalt bit
- White latex paint
- Flowerpots and flowerpot rings

### Instructions:

1. Use a wire brush to clean areas of the gate that are rusty or have loose paint.

2. Create a support system that rests behind and is hidden by the bottom bar of the gate. Cut the 1 x 4 board the width of the gate. Paint the board black so it will blend with the inside of the fireplace.

3. Lay the board flat on the floor, pushed up against the bottom bar of the gate. Use a hammer to flatten and reshape five 1¼"-wide pipe straps, making them into J shapes. Plan to attach straps evenly across the bottom of the gate. Wrap the straps around the bottom bar of the gate, with 1½" extending beyond the bar at the top and 1" extending below.

4. Slide the board between the strap extensions, making sure it is tight against the bar. Stand the gate upright on the board and drive 1" screws

through the holes on the straps into the top of the board.

5. Lay the gate and board to expose the strap holes on the bottom and drive 1" screws through the holes on the straps. For stability, stand up assembly and attach two 4" L brackets on the back of the side bars of the gate to join them to the board. To do this, use a cobalt bit to predrill holes into the side bars of the metal gate and attach one side of bracket

with 1" sheet-metal screws. Use 1" screws to attach the other side of L brackets to the board.

6. Dry brush white latex paint over random areas of the gate for a timeworn look. Attach flowerpot ring hooks over the wire on the gate and insert flowerpots filled with fresh or silk blooms. *Note: This screen is for decoration only and should be moved clear of the fireplace when it is in operation.*

