Make Your Own Net!

What you will need
- 1 wire coathanger
- Nylon netting - nylon curtain fabric (100 x 50 cm)
- 1.2 m of 60 mm fabric strip or 25 mm bias tape
- 1 broom handle
- duct tape or gaffa tape
- thread
- scissors
- heavy duty pliers
- sewing machine
- drill with 6 mm wood bit
- pencil

First
Cut netting into two 50cm square pieces. Once cut to size, round the bottoms as per diagram. Sew the rounded edges together to form a bag leaving the top open.

Second
Sew bias tape or fabric strip to top of net bag to form a casing for the wire. If using a fabric strip, fold the width of fabric in half to make a casing. Leave the casing open at each end to insert wire frame.

Third
Using heavy duty pliers, cut the coathanger at the top of the twisted section to remove the hook section.

Fourth
Take the bottom section of the coathanger, untwist it then slip it through the net casing. Once the net is in position, retwist the ends of the coathanger.

Sixth
Take the remaining section of the coathanger and bend into a 'U' shape as shown in step 3. Place the 'U' shaped piece of wire over the end of the broom handle passing through the wire net frame.

Fifth
Drill a hole in the bottom of the broom handle and insert the wire frame as shown.

Seventh
With a pencil, mark the position on the handle where the U-shaped wire ends touch it. Drill two shallow holes at the marked points.

Eighth
Position the U-shaped wire into the two drilled holes and wrap tightly with duct or gaffa tape to secure it.

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