



Ratellite™ Small Animal Hideaway

Care and Use Guide

Product Overview

The Ratellite™ small animal hide is printed from a durable, sustainable, biodegradable PLA filament. It is designed with large rats in mind, and includes smooth, rounded edges to prevent scrapes and tears, and 3 entrances to prevent traffic jams.

The Ratellite™ can be placed on the bottom of the cage as a standing hideaway, or mounted to the top of the cage for a cozy hanging sleeping nook.

Safety Notes

1. The Ratellite™ small animal hide is **not** designed to be mounted to the side of the cage, due to the risk of falls or injury.
2. Having fall breakers such as shelves, hammocks, and other platforms beneath the Ratellite™ is recommended. For any cage setup with top-mounted accessories, fall breakers are a must to prevent injury in case of falls.
3. While the Ratellite™ is printed from PLA, a sustainable, biodegradable biopolymer that is considered food safe, it **IS NOT** edible or intended to be eaten.
4. The Ratellite's™ packaging may include small parts such as mounting hardware that may pose a choking risk for infants and young children.
5. Before mounting the Ratellite™ to the top of the enclosure, it is recommended that all animals be removed from the cage to prevent risk of injury.
6. The Ratellite™ should be checked regularly for damage or sharp edges. If you note any cracks, sharp edges, or other dangerous defects, please remove the Ratellite™ from the enclosure immediately and discard.
7. The Ratellite™ should be kept away from heat sources, and should not be stored at temperatures greater than 100°F / 37°C. It should not be used outside, or left in direct sunlight.

Included Hardware

- 1X Ratellite™ small animal hide.
- 3X Optional Mounting Screws for top of cage mounting.
- 3X Plastic Mounting washer-clips for top of cage mounting.

Mounting Instructions

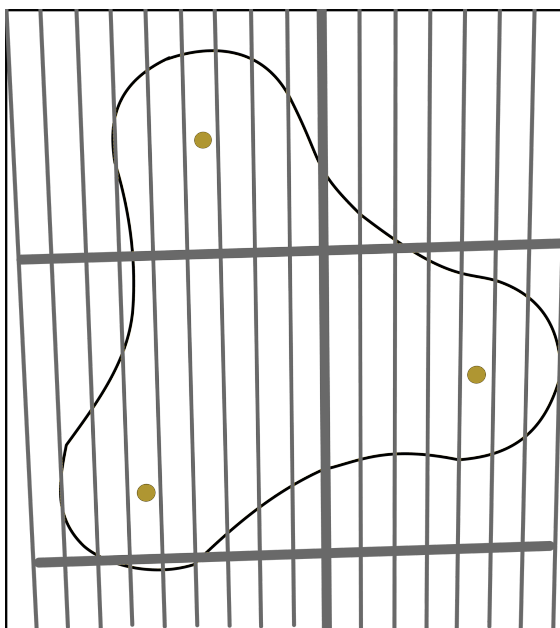
Before You Begin

1. To prevent risk of injury, ensure that no animals are in the cage while mounting the Ratellite™.
2. Locate the three mounting screws and three Plastic Mounting Washers in your Ratellite™ packaging.
3. Note the location of the three mounting holes on the bottom of the Ratellite™, one hole on each of the three base legs.

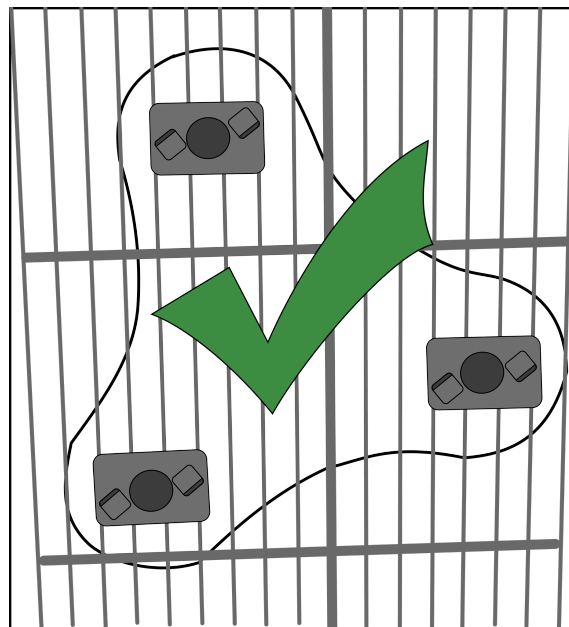
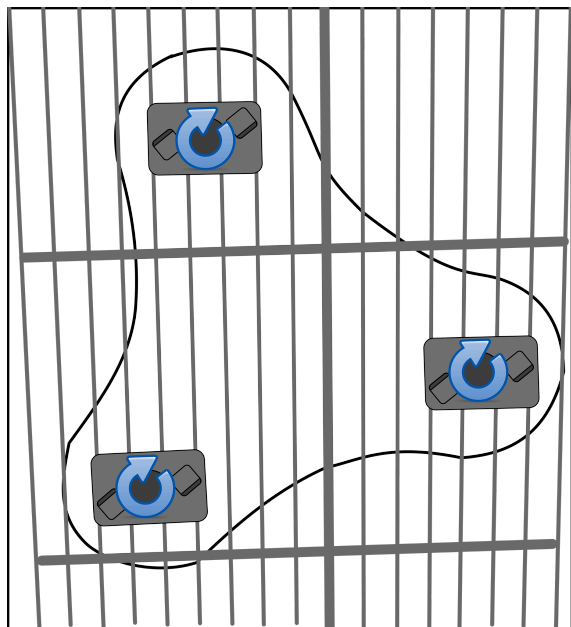
Option 1: Exterior Washer (Recommended)

This is the recommended mounting method for the Ratellite™ as it is the most secure and is compatible with most cage setups. This method does require access to the top of the cage from the outside.

1. Carefully hold the dome to the interior top of the enclosure, making sure that all three mounting holes are accessible between the bars. **(See Image Below)**



2. Attach each plastic mounting washer to the Ratellite's™ mounting holes from the outside of the cage using the provided mounting screws, taking care not to overtighten. Rotate the mounting washer as needed to ensure that it spans the bars on the outside of the cage, ensuring a secure mount.

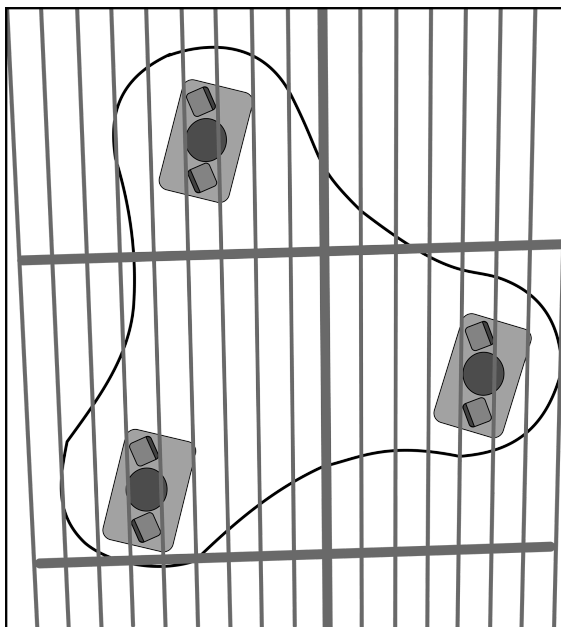


3. Ensure that the Ratellite™ is secure at all three mounting points. Wiggle the Ratellite™ and pull down gently to ensure that it is not loose.

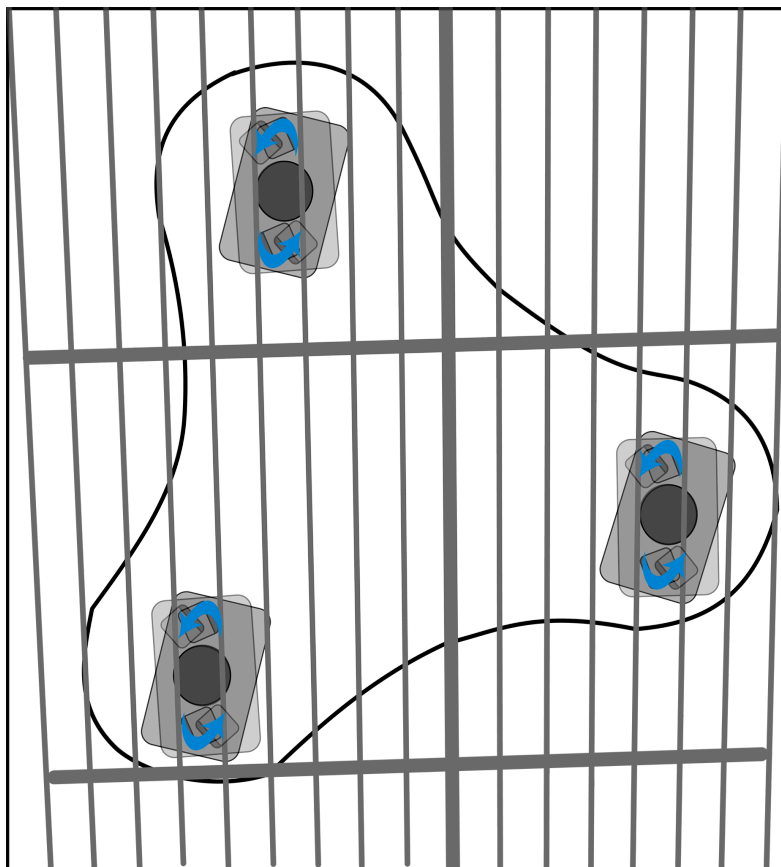
Option 2: Interior Clip Mount

You can also mount the Ratellite™ fully inside the enclosure via the bar clips on the universal washers. This setup is only recommended in situations where access to the top of the enclosure is limited and the cage has standard ½" (12.7mm) bar spacing. Always ensure that the Ratellite™ is securely attached at all three anchor points.

1. Attach plastic mounting washers to the Ratellite's™ mounting holes with the embedded mounting screws, taking care not to overtighten. Rotate the mounting washers so that the hooks on each washer run parallel between the cage bars as shown below.

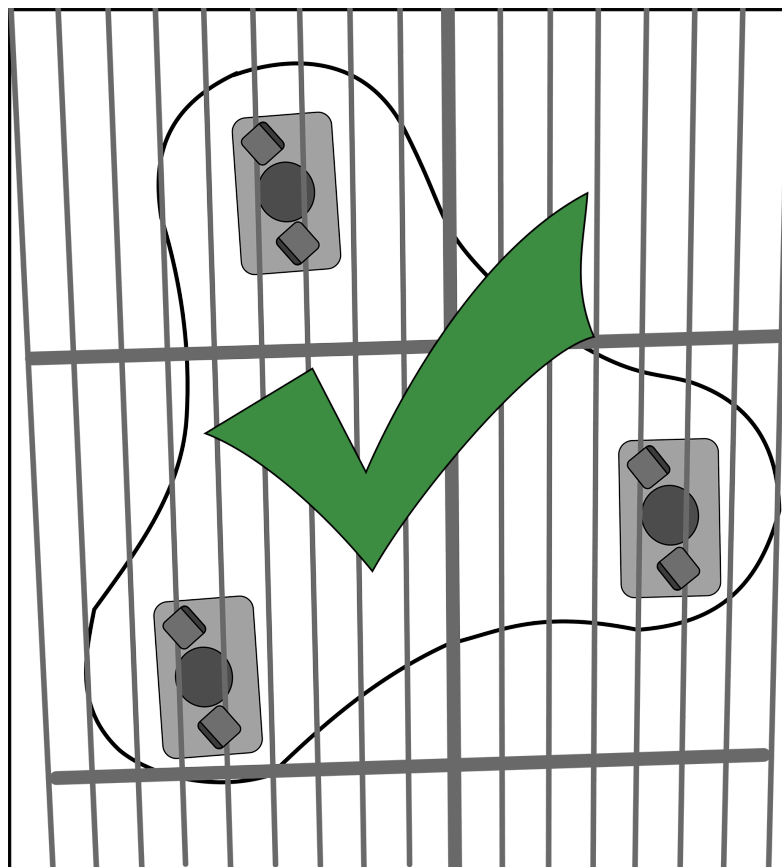


2. Rotate the mounting washers counterclockwise so that the hooks snap onto the bars on either side.



Note: The hooks will be slightly angled against the bars. This is normal, and is intended to create friction to prevent the Ratellite from sliding.

3. Ensure that the Ratellite™ is securely clipped at all three mounting washers. Wiggle the Ratellite™ and pull down gently to ensure that it is securely mounted, and is not loose.



Care and Cleaning

- Check frequently to ensure that the Ratellite™ is not damaged. If it is damaged, it should be discarded to prevent injury.
- Wipe clean regularly (as you would any small pet accessory) to remove urine or feces as needed.
- For thorough washing, scrub with lukewarm water and a veterinary-approved soap and rinse. Towel dry, then ensure the item is completely dry before replacing it in the enclosure. **The Ratellite™ should not be fully submerged in water.**

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- **The Ratellite™ is NOT dishwasher safe, and should only be hand-washed.**
 - To prevent damage, the Ratellite™ should not be stored near heat sources or at temperatures greater than 100°F / 37°C. It should not be stored outside or in direct sunlight.

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