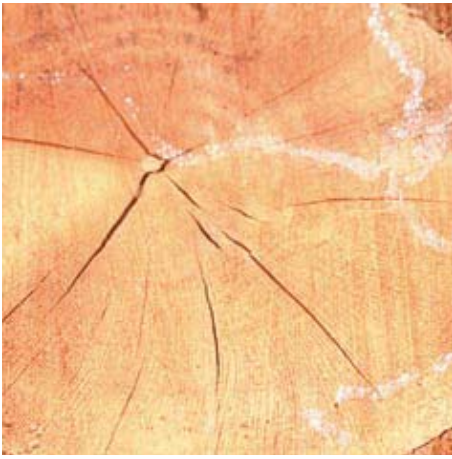




Step by Step Guide to choosing an ARC Fence





Your fence and your home

The right fence can do wonders for the look of your home, creating both a frame for your living environment, as well as providing security and privacy for your family. But it can be a sizeable investment and the options are endless, so you want to choose carefully.

Step 1

What is the main purpose of your fence?

It's important to start by deciding exactly what you need your fence to do. There are a number of options you should consider:

- Provide safety and security
- Screen an unsightly view
- Retain children or pets
- Enclose pools
- Reduce noise
- Improve the look and style of your property
- Provide privacy
- Mark a boundary
- Shape your property and define particular areas for certain activities
- Define personal space

Some fences perform certain functions better than others, but with some careful planning and professional advice, you can often choose a fence that will do more than one thing.

No matter which fence you choose, you will want to make sure it suits your needs, your landscape and complements your environment.



Blaxland™ in Black, set between elegant brick piers

Step 2

What are your legal obligations?

Always consult your local council before installing a fence to ensure compliance with any local council by-laws. Council regulations vary from region to region and can help you with decisions on fence heights, materials and distances of fences from neighbours or pavements. This is mandatory for the installation of a pool fence, and can result in fines if regulations are not adhered to.



Step 3

How do you choose the right design?

You will want your new fence to be functional, but it should also enhance the look of your home. Here are some ways to help you achieve this:

Some fences 'make an impression', others simply 'blend in'

Do you want the fence to stand out and become a feature in itself, or blend in? Some fences are designed not to be seen, while others are used to form a backdrop to other features. Specific colours and styles will help you achieve the look you are after.



Bass™ in Blue Ridge

Pool fences:

If you are after a pool fence that blends into the garden and allows the pool itself to be the feature, the ARC Fences Sturt™, Bass™ or Willow^ style fence will give you that look.

Front fences:

Alternatively, if you want a fence to match the style and colour of your home and be a feature of your front garden, then the ARC Fences Blaxland™ or Bourke™ style in black may be the answer.



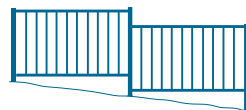
Blaxland™ in Black

Landscape designs:

Depending on the landscaping of your property, your fence may be level, stepped or sloped.



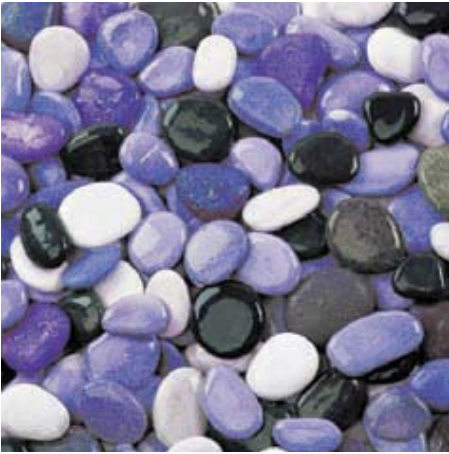
level



stepped



sloped



Step 4

Should you install the fence yourself or use a professional?

Doing it yourself.

When installing a fence yourself, you need to be completely thorough. Most importantly, make sure you measure the area to be fenced correctly, allowing for gates, posts and letterboxes. For further detail on installing it yourself, refer to our 'DIY Guide to Installing an ARC fence'.

Choosing a fencing contractor.

It all comes down to trust, but as a guide, there are two questions you should be able to answer before requesting a quote from a contractor:

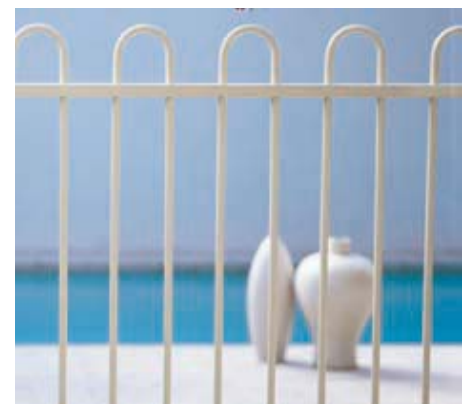
- 1 Can they do the job? If you are not sure, ask to see jobs they have previously done that are similar to yours.
- 2 Will they look after my interests? If you haven't worked with the contractor before, it can be difficult to know. So get in touch with previous customers. Ask for references. And keep an eye out for the contractor's signs on fences in your neighbourhood.

Once you've identified two or three trustworthy contractors, you should start shopping around for value. But don't base your decision solely on price because as a general rule, you get what you pay for. We recommend that you factor competence and integrity into the equation to make sure you select the best all-round contractor for the job.

And for absolute peace of mind, contact ARC Fences on 1800 FENCES (336 237) and we'll arrange for one of our local ARC Fences preferred contractors to meet with you to discuss your requirements.

When purchasing a steel fence to install yourself or via a contractor ensure you request:

- Proof of compliance with Australian Standards. This is crucial for pool fencing which must adhere to strict design and testing criteria to ensure the safety of your family. When choosing an ARC fence, you can rest assured of compliance. All ARC Fences undergo rigorous testing, are NTA approved and supplied by a Quality Endorsed Company (ISO 9022).
- Manufacturers warranty*. Look for the authentic ARC Fences sticker. This way you can be certain of product quality. It will also ensure that the product you have purchased is genuine.
- If you have chosen to appoint a contractor to install the fence, you should also ask about a guarantee for workmanship.



Lassiter™ in Cream



Authentic ARC Fences sticker



Some important points to consider when choosing fence materials:

If you live in a windy area, feather edge or lapped solid timber fencing can act as a sail and may be damaged by constant high winds.

If you need complete privacy, solid fencing is ideal and instant.

A great way to hide an unsightly part of the garden or divide an area within the garden is to use bamboo or trellis.

Think about the climatic conditions. You might want a fence that won't interfere with cooling breezes in summer.

Leafy areas or homes near reserves can attract termites, white ants and other pests, so materials such as timber may not be the best choice here.

Don't forget your budget. Materials such as brick or glass are quite expensive compared to aluminium or steel.

Maintenance and durability can be an issue. Steel and aluminium requires little maintenance and no painting as opposed to timber.

Gates

If your fence plan includes a gate, you will have to decide where the gate will go and how it will be designed. Choosing the location is easy - convenience is the primary consideration here. But as far as design goes, the gate can either match the fence in appearance or it can be a contrasting size, design and material. Whatever you decide, the size of the gate will determine post spacing and location.



From Left to Right: Willow[®] in Heritage Green with matching gate and Guardian Latch, Lassiter[™] in Cream with matching gate.

Be a good neighbour:

Don't forget to take into account the height, materials, post settings and any gate locations in your new fence. A neighbourly way to build a fence is to make sure that it's equally attractive from both sides.

Materials

ARC Fences options for fencing materials:

- Metal - tubular steel or aluminium, wire, steel pickets
- Corrugated or formed sheets (eg. boundary fencing)
- Combination - brick with tubular steel/aluminium or steel pickets
- Glass

ARC Fences has an extensive range of accessories available.

You can enhance the look further by choosing different styles and colours for the gates, spears and posts.



The complete range of ARC garden and pool fencing



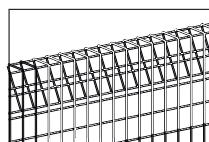
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Fencing your Pool

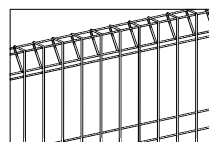
Fencing your Home

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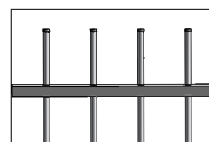
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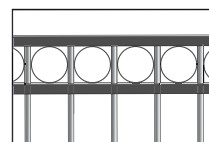
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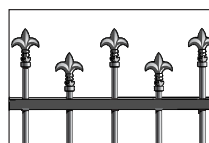
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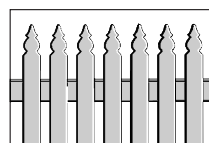
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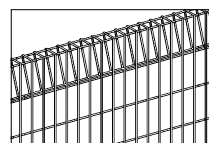
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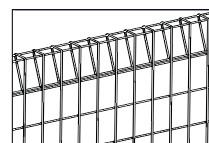
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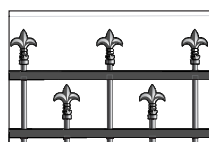
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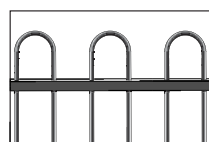
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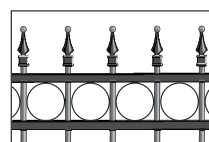
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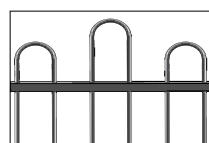
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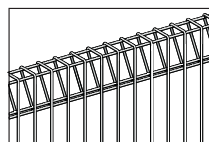
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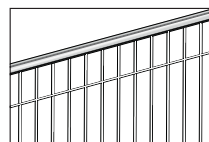
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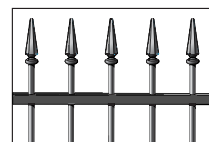
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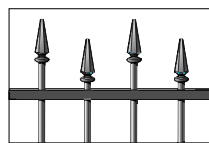
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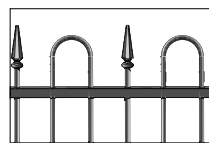
Wills™



Lorne™



Noosa™



Hayman™

The above styles come in a range of heights and lengths. For the exact sizes available in your state, contact ARC Fences on 1800 FENCES (336 237).



White



Cream



Green



Charcoal



Claret



Black



Blue

These colours are a sample only. ARC Fences has a full range of decorative colours available. Conditions do apply for non-standard colours.



Fence Maintenance In order to keep your ARC fence looking good for years to come, follow these maintenance steps:

- Weekly brushing or hosing (using a pressure nozzle fitted to your garden hose) to remove any built up dirt, cobwebs or salt deposits.
- Bi-annual wash-down with warm water and a mild detergent. The frequency of the maintenance steps must be increased if your ARC fence is installed within 1500 metres of marine locations.

***ARC Fence Warranty - Terms and Conditions:** In addition to governing statutes, ARC The Australian Reinforcing Company warrants that the STRUCTURE of ARC fences, gates and panel products sold to its customers will be free from manufacturing defects. The warranty is given subject to the following limitations: A. For Product Hot Dipped Galvanised After Manufacture: The warranty is given for a period of 5 years. The warranty does not apply if fencing is used within 1500 metres of a marine location. The warranty applies only if the maintenance procedures outlined in this brochure are adhered to. Proof of purchase will be required prior to admission of any warranty claim. Use of heavy cleaners, such as brick acids, will void the warranty. ARC The Australian Reinforcing Company may repair or replace defective products at its absolute discretion. B. For Product Pre-Galvanised: The warranty is given for a period of 3 years. The warranty does not apply if fencing is used within 1500 metres of a marine location. The warranty applies only if the maintenance procedures outlined in this brochure are adhered to. Proof of purchase will be required prior to admission of any warranty claim. Use of heavy cleaners, such as brick acids, will void the warranty. ARC The Australian Reinforcing Company may repair or replace defective products in its absolute discretion. Powder-coated decorative finishes enhance the appearance of your ARC fence and are not covered by this warranty as their quality depends on numerous factors outside the control of ARC The Australian Reinforcing Company. This warranty only applies to products installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In the event of a warranty enquiry, contact the place of purchase or ARC The Australian Reinforcing Company.

Options may vary from state to state. Please check with your local ARC Fences representative on 1800 FENCES (336 237).

[®]Only available in Queensland.

[^]Refers to styles available in aluminium.

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