

Canary Swing Plans

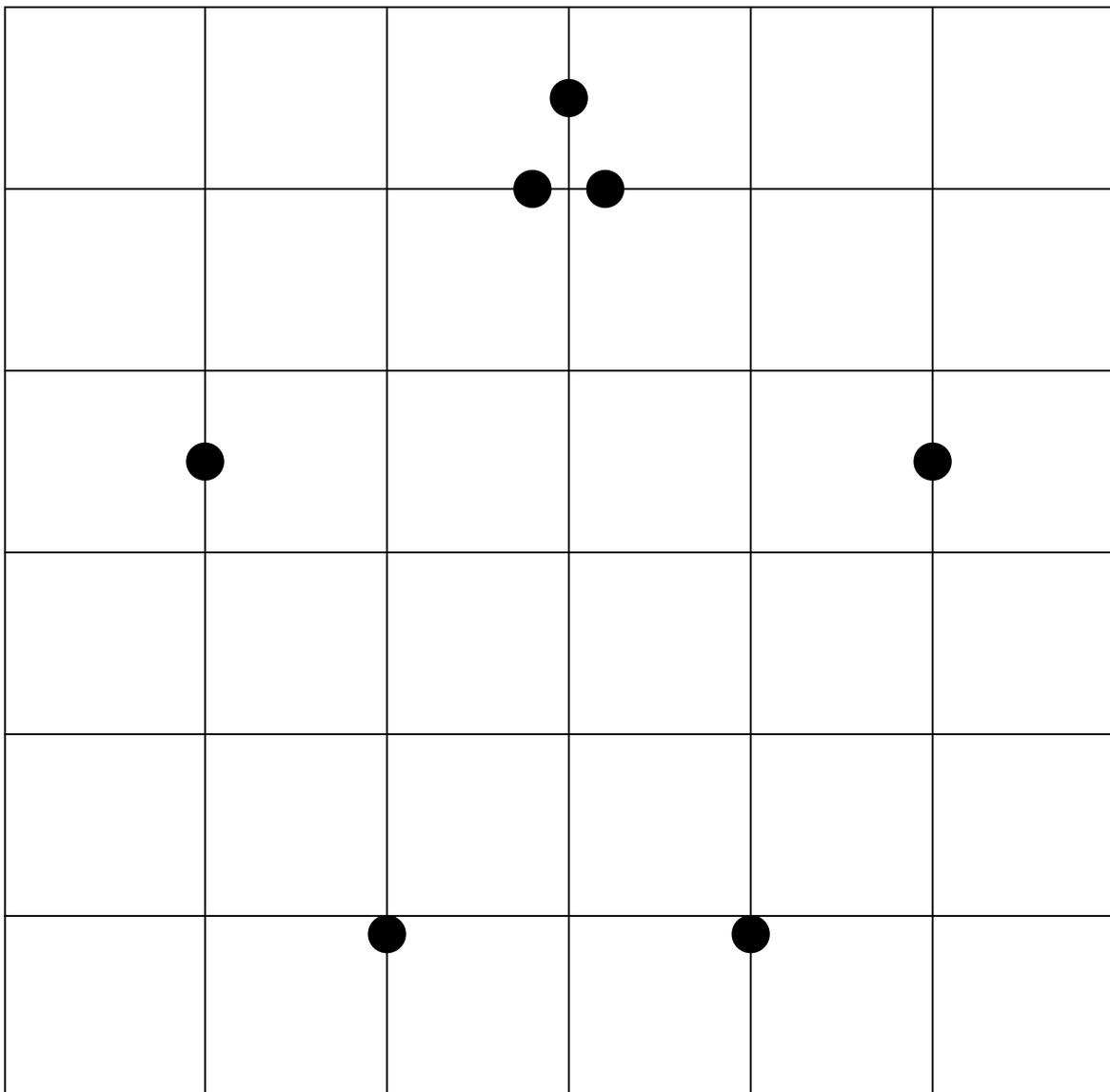
Materials:

- ½" dowel sticks (3½" long)
- 16 gauge florist's wire (18" length)
- 6" scrap of wood (1x6 or 1x8)
- 7 paneling (finishing) nails

Tools Needed:

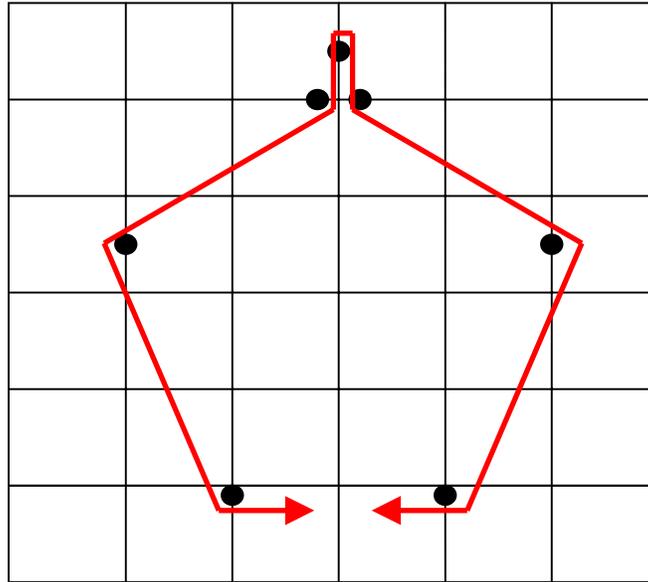
- Wire Cutters
- Hammer
- Small Drill Bit or Small Nail
- Needle Nose Pliers

- 1.) Make a jig, using the block of wood as the base. Transfer the pattern below onto the wood, marking the points for nails. Pound nails into the wooden block so they are secure, but with most of the nail exposed. You will be bending the wire around these nails to form the frame of the swing.



- 2) Bend a piece of florist's wire in half and loop over top nail, with the ends going to the inside of (between) the second set of nails. Bend wires around the outside of the third and fourth rows of nails.

Be sure and keep the wire tight against the nails to make sharp bends.



- 3) Remove the wire frame from the jig, and trim the lower ends to about $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 4) Drill a small hole in the end of each dowel. If you don't have a small drill bit, use a tiny nail to make this hole. Make it about $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep. The hole should be of a diameter so the wire fits snugly into it.
- 5) Make an "S" hook, using the pieces of wire you trimmed off of the frame. Bend a small "eye" into one end by curling the wire tightly around the tip of your needle-nose pliers. Form the larger loop by bending the wire around a piece of dowel.
- 6) Slide the small eye of the "S" hook onto the wire frame. Insert the frame ends into the holes you made in the dowel.
- 7) Hang the swing in your cage, and watch your canary enjoy it.