



## Rabbit Proofing Your Home

When allowing your rabbit to play outside of his cage, make sure to have the play area bunny proofed. Here are some ideas for bunny proofing different areas of your home.

- Plexiglass: use 1' strips of plexiglass to protect baseboards and wallpaper. You can use Velcro to attach the strips to the wall. Use even larger pieces to protect bookshelves, the wires behind the stereo, etc.
- Self-adhesive plastic corner protectors can be used in a lot of places, including the bottoms of cabinets.
- Carpet saver or waterproof pads may be used in corners for rabbits that like to dig
- Untreated pine: 1" wide strips can be tacked to baseboards for chewing purposes
- For wire protection: use hard plastic covering called Cordmate (available at stores like Home Depot) or something similar
- Digging boxes are great for bunnies that LOVE to dig. This is a less destructive alternative to your furniture and carpet.
- Baby gates and foldable pens
- Repellants like bitter orange can be used on just about anything

It is important to remember that even though you may coat wires and such with bitter orange the rabbit will still get that first bite in. This is both dangerous for the bunny and for the item they are chewing on. Therefore, it is best to cover wires. When using bitter orange make sure to paint every inch of baseboard using a sponge and wear gloves!

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