

SocketMat Basic Recipe

Each recipe, (A or B), makes one pound of SocketMat.

RECIPE A: 2 1/4 c. *granulated* sugar
 3 Tblsp water

RECIPE B: 2 1/4 c. *super fine (Baker's)* sugar **NOT POWDERED SUGAR**
 3 Tblsp water

You may use one type recipe only or mix and match, for example:

3 batches Recipe A = 3 lbs.

OR 2 batches Recipe A + 1 Recipe B = 3 lbs.

Frames with plastic foundation will hold around 3 lbs each.

Hardware cloth will hold 6-8 lbs.

The sugar of preference was C & H, and the preferred ratio was 2:1

For example, (in a standard deep frame)

Use 4 lbs Recipe A + 2 lbs Recipe B = 6 lbs.

Use 5 lbs Recipe A + 3 lbs Recipe B = 8 lbs.

Prepare the frames:

Wire frames: Cut a piece of 1/8" inch hardware cloth to fit the perimeter of a standard deep frame. Lay the wire onto the frame and mark out your "hiking trails" *at the top right and left corners, and at the center.* The holes should be at least 2 bees' space wide and long. Cut the "hiking trails" out and then attach the wire to the outside of the frame using staples or thumb tacks.

Mix the sugar: Using clean hands, bowls and utensils, mix the water and sugar together well, but not so much that it dries out. No need to knead it forever, just mix till it holds its shape nicely when a fistful is compressed in the hand. Dump the mix onto the foundation or hardware cloth, and **use a rolling pin or pastry roller.** Spread the mix corner-to-corner, edge to edge, making sure to compact it tightly (hence, the rolling pins).

Allow to dry flat for about an hour, and then hang the frame in your Valkyrie!