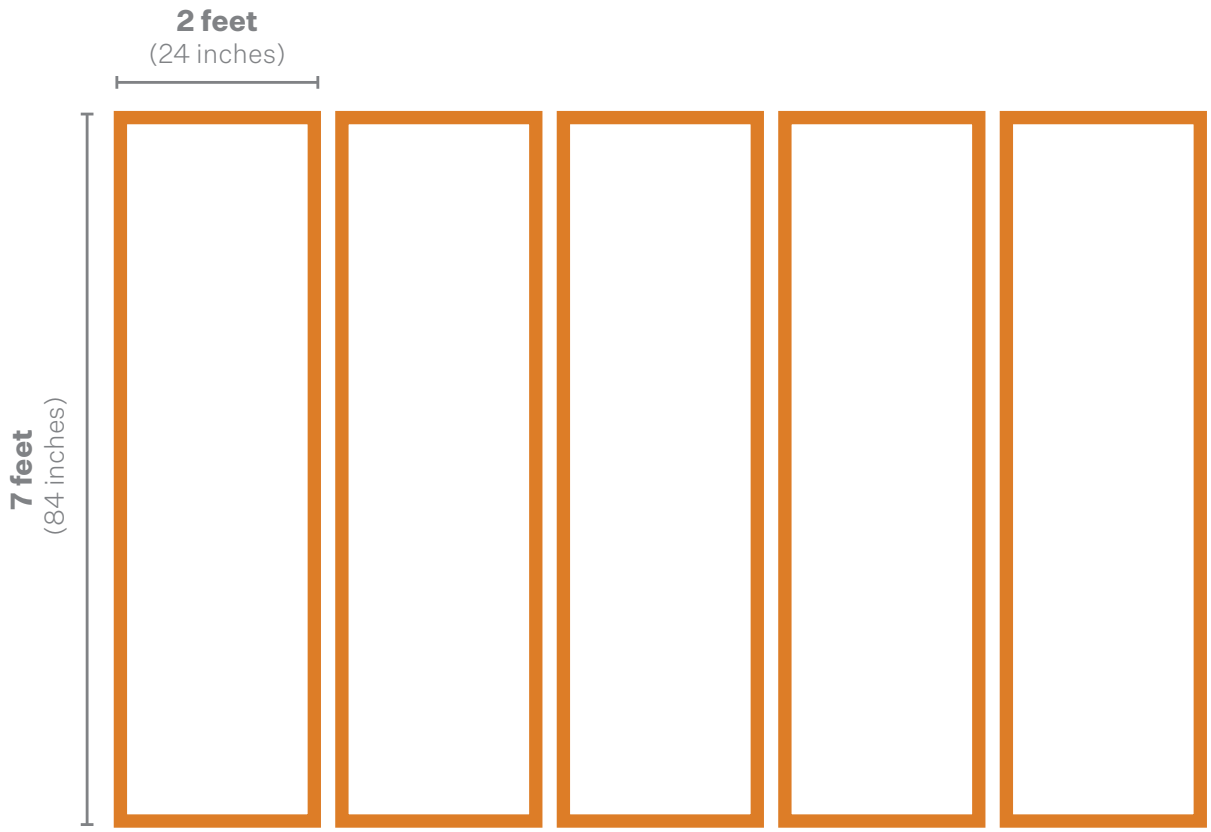
LIFE IN A GESTATION CRATE INSTRUCTIONS

Your "Fast Facts About Gestation Crates" handout informs readers about the horrifying ways mother pigs suffer nearly their entire lives in metal cages so small they can't even turn around.

Now that you've told curious students about this cruel practice, let's show them. Your Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month kit includes a roll of orange tape. You're going to use that tape to create a visual representation of a gestation crate — or a group of them, depending on the space you have available.



1. Find an area on the floor or on a wall near your Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter table that will accommodate at least one two-foot-wide by seven-foot-long rectangle.

2. Using a tape measure, mark off the above measurements with a writing utensil intended to be used for temporary purposes, not permanent.

3. Use your roll of orange tape to overlay the rectangle, being careful to follow the measurements you marked.

4. If at all possible, repeat the process three or four times so that students may see not only how small the crates are, but also how close mother pigs are to each other.