

PROJECT

Raised Bed

Adding a raised bed to your backyard makes gardening a bit easier by extending the season and use fertilizers that may harm your lawn.



MATERIALS

3- 8-ft, 2" x 12" treated boards
4" deck screws
Cardboard or newspapers
Garden soil

01

Measure and cut the 8 ft board in half, making two 4-foot pieces.

Helpful tip: The size of raised beds can easily be adapted to suit location or materials. For best results, raised beds should be a minimum of 12" deep and the width should not exceed 4 ft for effortless plant caring and harvesting.

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TOOLS

Measuring tape
Pencil
Carpenter's square
Circular or hand saw
Drill
Shovel
Rake

02

Measure in $\frac{3}{4}$ " from each end of the new 4 ft boards and drill pilot holes for screws at 3, 6 and 9 inches. Partially sink three screws into the board.

Repeat this on the remaining 4-foot board.

03

Hold one of the 8 ft boards on its side and line up the end of one the 4 ft board at a 90 degree angle with the screws facing the end of the longer board. With the drill, sink the screws into the board.

04

Hold remaining 8 ft board perpendicular to the attached 4 ft board at the free end. Use a carpenter's square to line up at 90 degrees and sink screws in to attach.

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Repeat this process at the other end, again using the carpenter's square to make sure angles are square.

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The bed frame should rest evenly on the ground with no gaps between the bed and the ground, dig/level the ground to eliminate gaps.

Place layers of cardboard or newspaper to cover, this will reduce weed growth.

05

Your raised bed is ready to be filled with soil mixture (8 cubic feet, or around nine 20-quart bags, for a 32-sqft, 12-inch deep bed). Be sure to leave a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ " from top of board. Use rake to level soil surface.