

How to Build a Raised Bed Vegetable Garden

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Homegrown, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' edible garden program, to build a raised bed for vegetables.

When creating your own, you can change the dimensions to fit your space but be sure to use untreated wood; we use cedar because it is naturally rot-resistant and will last for many years. Learn more about Homegrown at **phipps.conservatory.org/homegrown**.

Tools

- Saw
- O Drill
- Tape Measure
- Spade/shovel
- Staple gun

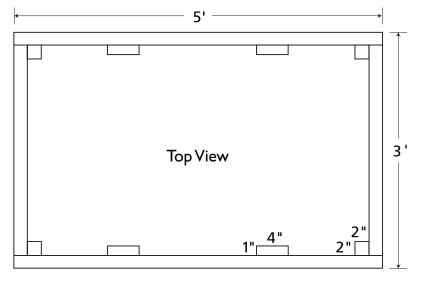
Materials

- Lumber
 - Four 8' long 2''x8'' boards
 - One 6' long 2"x2" stake for corners
 - One 6' long I''x4'' board for side straps
- 2" and 3" galvanized wood screws
- Landscaping fabric
- 20 square ft. of soil and compost (we use a 50/50 blend)





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Directions

- I. Cut all 8' boards into 5' and 3' sections (or have your hardware store cut it for you)
- 2. Cut both the 2"x2" stake and 1"x4" board into four 16" sections
- 3. Join the long side boards using the 1"x4" straps and 2" screws (see left)
- **4.** Join the short side boards by attaching the 2"x2" stakes to the ends with 3" screws (see left)
- 5. Assemble the bed by joining the long sides to the short sides, using 3" screws
- **6.** Staple landscaping fabric to the bottom side of the beds
- Put in place, fill with soil and compost, and plant

