

## BUILD A RAISED GARDEN

Raised gardens are becoming very popular for people who want to grow some great produce in an area where the soil may be less than perfect. You can make a garden, and control the soil, moisture, and weeds brilliantly.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

Build a raised garden and plant your choice of flowers or produce.

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1. First step, find a place where you want to build the bed. You'll want it to be on flat level ground in an area where it will get plenty of sun.

2. Now, you are going to need some lumber. There are a lot of plans out there for raised beds. In its simplest form you are going to use four pieces of lumber to create the side walls of the bed. 12 x 2's work well, these will need to be screwed together at the corners.

3. Once you have your frame created, place old cardboard boxes flat along the bottom to line it. This will prevent weeds growing up, and the cardboard will compost over time.

4. Next, you will want to fill the garden with nutrient rich soil and compost. This will add lots of nutrients to the plants and enrich the soil. Remember, dirt is dirt, but soil is full of nutrients. So the quality of the soil makes a huge difference.

5. Now you are ready to plant. Follow the instructions that come with any plants or seeds that you buy so you can get an effective spacing to promote growth.

