

BEST PRACTICES GUIDE

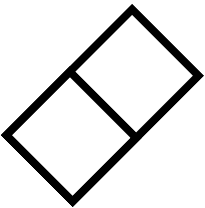
FRAME IT ALL



Soil Recommendations

We recommend using a 1:1 mixture of compost/manure and light potting soil/screened topsoil to fill Frame it All raised garden bed products. Kellogg Raised Garden Bed & Potting Mix, Bonnie Harvest Select Raised Bed Soil, and Miracle Gro Potting Mix are all appropriate options to fill Frame it All Raised Beds.

DO NOT USE heavy soils that contain large amounts of clay, gravel or sand.



Cross Board Installation

For custom Raised Garden Bed designs, install cross boards according to the rules below (if your garden layout allows it). For Raised Garden Bed kits, follow cross board installation according to the instruction manual of that design. For garden designs higher than 4-levels, we recommend using our 2" profile boards.

For information on height requirements for different plants, visit <https://frameitall.com/pages/know-and-grow-guide> and go to "Appendix III: General Garden Information".

For best wheelchair user experience, we recommend a 5-level or 6-level bed.

2-level (11" Height)

1 x cross timber on level 2 of a 2-level design.



3-level (16.5" Height)

2 x cross timber on level 1 and 3 of a 3-level design.



4-level (22" Height)

2 x cross timber on level 2 and 4 of a 4-level design.



5-level (27.5" Height)

3 x cross timber on level 1, 3, and 5 of a 5-level design.



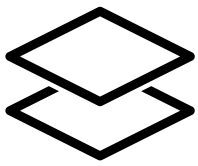
6-level (33" Height)

3 x cross timber on level 2, 4, and 6 of a 6-level design.



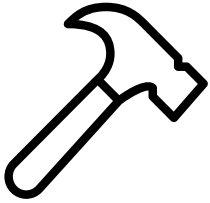
Finishing Cap Installation

When installing the finishing cap, lay the cap upside down on a flat surface and press the stake down onto the cap to connect. Then, install these capped stakes onto the top level of your garden bed. For a one level design, hammer the stake into the ground and then install the finishing cap on top.



Install on a level surface

When installing your Raised Garden Bed ensure that the area you choose to install it in is level. Installing Frame it All Raised Garden Beds on an unlevel surface may cause disproportional pressure across the boards.



Anchor Stake vs Stacking Stake

Anchor stakes are utilized on the ground level of specified Raised Garden Bed designs to increase bed stability. These stakes can only be installed at the ground level. Not all Raised Garden Bed designs require anchor stakes on the ground level and some designs will not include anchor stakes for the ground level. If building a design from a Raised Garden Bed kit, reference the instruction manual for that design to see if anchor stakes are utilized.

Stacking stakes can be utilized on the ground level of most Raised Garden Bed designs and are required for stacking additional levels past the ground level.

For **Custom Raised Garden Bed designs**, we recommend installing an anchor stake at every ground level joint for maximum stability.

For **Landscape Edging or Playground Border applications**, anchor stakes will always be used on the ground level.

For **Sandbox installation**, stacking stakes will be utilized for the ground level.



Snap-Lock Plug Installation

When connecting brackets to boards using Frame it All Snap-Lock Plugs, align the snap-lock holes of the board and bracket then lay the Snap-lock plug flat on top of the hole (see Figure 1) and apply firm pressure down with the palm of your hand. If you are experiencing difficulties with hand installation you can also utilize a rubber mallet with gentle force to install Frame it All Snap-lock plugs.

Removing Snap-Lock Plugs: In some cases, you may need to remove brackets and reattach them in a different orientation. To remove a bracket from the board you will need to remove the snap-lock plugs. This can be achieved by taking a flat head screwdriver and inserting in the small slot of the plug (see Figure 2). Then you apply pressure into the plug and twist the screwdriver up.

Figure 1



Figure 2

