DIY Raised Vegetable Bed & Planting Plans

Compact raised beds are the easiest and productive way to have a colorful, productive food garden in a small space.

Here are step-by-step instructions for building your own small raised bed created by our Garden Manager Lindsay Del Carlo, along with her planting guide for a continuous kitchen garden all season long. We will also build this bed at the trial garden this spring and keep you posted via video so we can all compare notes!

Materials & Cut List:

7, 2x4x10 lumber (redwood, cedar or wood alternative like Trex are best, these are most rot resistant and long lasting. DO NOT USE PRESSURE TREATED WOOD for edible plants)

2.5 inch self-tapping deck screws

4 ft. x 6 ft. 3 inch sheet of galvanized hardware cloth

20 cubic feet of planting mix for vegetables. (About 14, 1.5 c. ft. bags)

Large box of All-purpose granular vegetable fertilizer – Organic or conventional

Using 6 of the 2x4x10 lumber, cut so you have 6 – 4 ft. lengths, and 6 - 6 ft. lengths for the walls

Using 1 of the 2x4x10 lumber, cut so you have 10 – 10.5 inch lengths to join the walls and corner

Tools:

Measuring tape
Safety glasses
Screw gun and bits (Hammer and nails are an alternative, but a screw gun makes the job much faster and easier.)

Staple gun and staples (1 box of 9/16” staples)

Wood clamps with at least a 12 inch opening

Hand saw or electric circular saw

Saw horses, or sturdy, flat surface for cutting wood
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Planting Plans:

Spring Planting Plan

Summer Planting Plan

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Warm Wishes,
Renee Shepherd

Recipe Of The Month
Carrot Bran Muffins
Fine and rich tasting with the extra nutrition and goodness of sweet carrots.

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