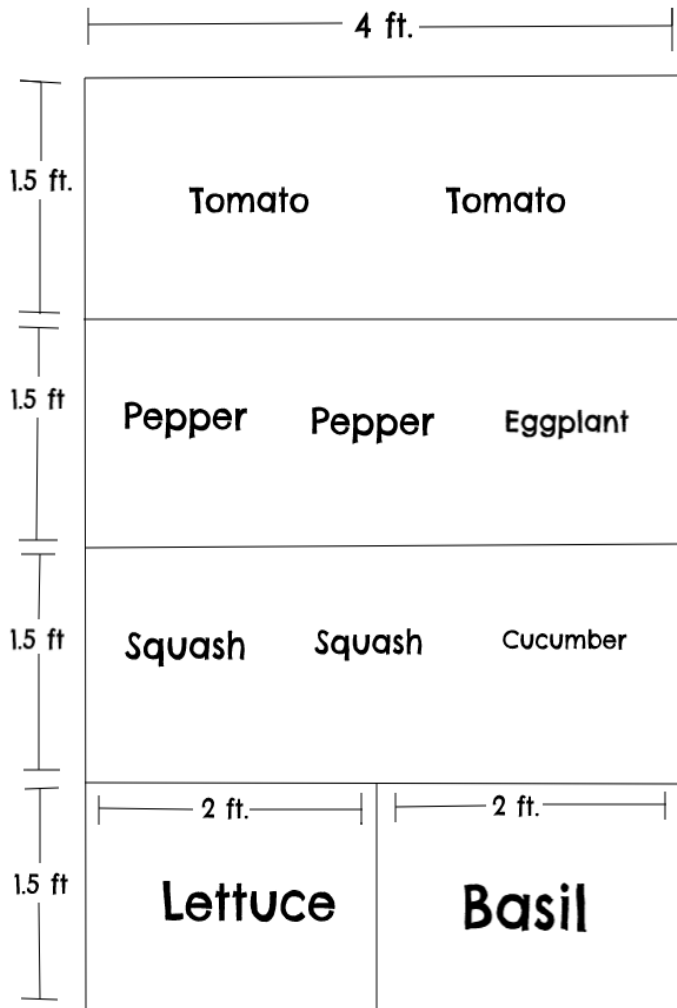


# ✧ Renee's Garden ✧

## Set The Table From Your Garden

### RAISED BED PROJECT: #1 WHAT TO PLANT FOR SUMMER CROPS



#### **Recommended Renee's Garden varieties:**

##### **Tomatoes:**

Container Tomato 'Super Bush'  
Container Roma Tomato 'Inca Jewels'  
Early/Container Tomato 'Heirloom Stupice'

##### **Peppers:**

Mini Snack/Salad Peppers 'Baby Belle'  
Container Pepper 'Pizza My Heart'  
Baby Snack Peppers 'Yummy Belle'

##### **Eggplant:**

Container Eggplant 'Little Prince'  
Organic Heirloom Italian Eggplant 'Violetta Lunga'

##### **Squash:**

Container Zucchini 'Astia'  
Organic Heirloom, 'Ortolana di Faenza'  
Crookneck Squash 'Sunny Supersett'

##### **Cucumber:**

Container Cucumber 'Bush Slicer'  
Persian Baby Cucumber 'Green Fingers'  
Heirloom Cucumbers 'Lemon Cucumbers'

##### **Lettuce:**

Lettuce 'Merveille de Quatre Saiaons'  
Organic Summer Bibb Lettuce 'Patty's Choice'  
Crunchy Lettuce Trio 'Blush Batavians'

##### **Basil:**

Kitchen Herbs 'Italian Pesto Basil'  
Kitchen Herbs 'Scented Basil Trio'  
Organic Heirloom Basil 'Italian Genovese'

Be sure to amend the garden bed again with granular vegetable fertilizer before planting out the summer garden. Apply the fertilizer at full strength according to recommendation on the box. It is a good idea to also add some compost to increase the water holding capacity of the soil.

Important:

Because tomatoes, peppers and eggplants are very long season crops that only thrive in hot weather. You will need to begin growing them in advance indoors while it is still warming up outside so they get a necessary head start and can produce great harvests for you in warm summer weather.

Start seeds indoors 6 to 8 weeks before outdoor night temperatures are reliably 50-55°F (10-13°C). Sow seeds 1/4 inch deep and 1 inch apart in a container of seed starting mix. Keep moist but not soggy, and very warm, 80°F (27°C). Provide a strong light source until seedlings are ready to plant outside. When seedlings are 2 inches tall, transplant into individual 4-inch pots. Maintain at 70°F (21°C). Feed with half-strength fertilizer every 2 weeks until ready to plant. When nights reach 55°F (13°C), gradually acclimate to outdoor conditions.

The other summer varieties, squash, cucumber, lettuce and basil will be direct sown once night time temperatures reach at least 50°F(10°C).

**Tomatoes** – Plant in the 1.5 ft. x 4 ft. space where the peas were. - For this size of this garden bed. We are recommending smaller, space-saving varieties like Super Bush, Inca Jewels, Stupice, planting 2 plants with 2.5 ft. between them. Transplant your seedlings only after night temperatures reach at least 50°F(10°C). **Be sure to** read packet backs for brief but detailed info on what to expect and how to care for and harvest this crop.

**Pepper/Eggplant** – Below the tomatoes in a 1.5 ft. x 4 ft. space where the carrot/ radish and beets were.

Three plants will fit into this space. Plant the first plant 6 inches from the edge of the bed with 1 foot of room between each plant. Transplant only after night temperatures reach at least 50°F(10°C). **Be sure to** read packet backs for brief but detailed info on what to expect and how to care for and harvest this crop.

**Squash/cucumber** - Below to the pepper/eggplant space, mark off a space of 1.5 ft. x 4 ft.

Three plants will fit into this space. Plant the first plant 6 inches from the edge of the bed with 1 foot of room between each plant. Sow 2-3 seeds, 1 inch deep in each space, then cover with a plastic berry basket to protect them. Once seeds are germinated, thin to just 1 seedling per space. **Be sure to** read packet backs for brief but detailed info on what to expect and how to care for and harvest this crop

**Lettuce** - Below to the squash/cucumber space, mark off a space of 1.5 ft. x 2 ft. Make 3 shallow furrows along the 2 ft. span that are 6 inches apart. Make the first furrow across the center of the space, then one above it and one below it. Sow basil seeds 1 inch apart in the furrows and cover very lightly with ¼ inch of soil. When seedlings have grown large enough to handle, thin to 10 inches apart so they will develop into beautiful heads; use the young thinnings in salads. Then wait and harvest mature heads when they feel firm and well-filled out. **Be sure to** read packet backs for brief but detailed info on what to expect and how to care for and harvest this crop

**Basil** – Next to the lettuce space, there will be a remaining space of 1.5 ft. x 2 ft. Make 3 shallow furrows along the 2 ft. span that are 6 inches apart. Make the first furrow across the center of the space, then 1 above it and 1 below it. Sow your basil seeds 1 inch apart in the furrows and cover lightly with ¼ inch of soil. When seedlings are large enough to handle, thin to 6-8 inches apart so your seedlings have room to grow and thrive. **Be sure to** read packet backs for brief but detailed information on what to expect and how to care for and harvest this crop.