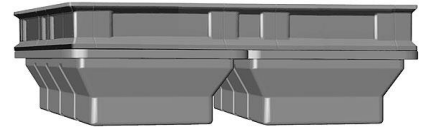














# Assembly Instructions

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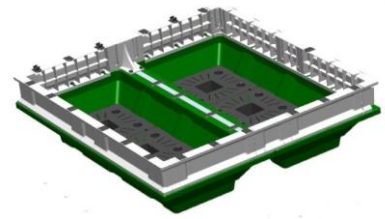
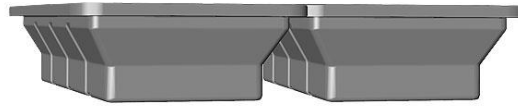


## Medium 1m x 1m

### Component Checklist

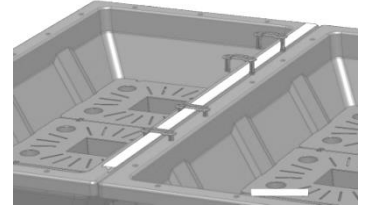
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|    | Base Container          | 2  |
|    | Side Panel - Lip        | 8  |
|   | Side Joiner - Lip       | 2  |
|  | Side Joiner - No Lip    | 2  |
|  | Corner Connector - Lip  | 4  |
|  | Drain Tray              | 6  |
|  | Rubber Joining Strip    | 1  |
|  | Support Brace           | 2  |
|  | Joining Clip            | 4  |
|  | Short - Bolt & wing-nut | 24 |
|  | Long - Bolt & wing-nut  | 4  |
|  | Cable Ties              | 12 |

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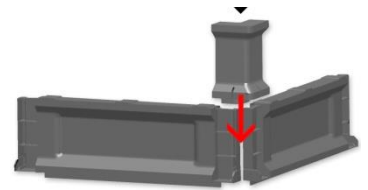
1. Line up base containers side by side.

2. Join Drain Trays together - Lay 3 drain trays face down on level ground and tie together by inserting small cable ties through aligned holes in sides of trays and pulling tight. Place tied trays in the bottom of container gardens with the flat side up.



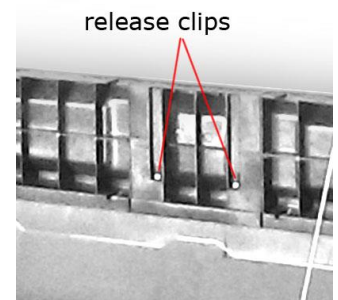
*Only place clips in centre 4 holes*

3. Place Rubber Joining Strip between each container and push in Joining Clips – leave end clips out, just put 4 clips in middle 4 lots of holes.



**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT** – leave end clips out, just put 4 clips in middle 4 sets of holes.

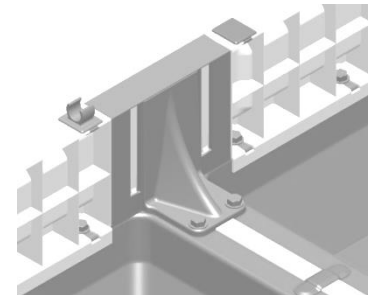
4. Create a perimeter with all of the panels by sliding them together. The joiners with lips go on opposite sides. The joiners with flat bottoms are used to span the joins of the base containers.



There is a small RELEASE CLIP if you need to disassemble.

Lift onto containers and ensure top rim is seated firmly with lip on inside of containers.

5. Clip Support Braces into both of the Side Joiners with no lips. Lever in the tops of the support braces so the 2 notches go into the support brace and then swing the bottom down till it clips in. The holes should line up with those on the base containers.



6. Push **short** bolts into all of the holes that join the top rim panels to the base containers. Push **long** bolts into the holes in the support braces.

**\*\* Lift rim slightly so bolts drop through easily.**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\***

ENSURE ALL BOLTS ARE INSERTED BEFORE WING-NUTS ARE PUT ON.

7. Tighten wing nuts

# Positioning

Sun, sun and more sun is what you are after. The Vegecover will protect your plants from severely hot days so make sure they have more than enough heat and light to promote rapid growth. Position it before filling with soil as it will be too heavy to move.

# Filling

The Medium Vegepod (1m x 1m) requires 9 bags of potting mix to fill. It is important to use a quality mix – stay clear of the cheap mixes under \$5.

We recommend a mix of:

- 7 bags (25 litre) of standard potting mix
- 2 bags (25 litre) of cow manure

**Optional** - 1 bag (50 litre) of perlite or vermiculite (substitute for 2 bags of potting mix.)

**\*\*\*\* (if you cannot find perlite it is not essential)**

If you have it place a layer of perlite on top of the trays (approx. 20mm) filling the wicking wells. Add 1 bag of potting mix and 1 bag of cow manure into each bay of the container and half a bag of the perlite and mix together. Top off with last 3 bags of potting mix and rest of perlite. Mix in.

Perlite is available from some nurseries, hardwares or hydroponic shops. It helps lighten the soil and also retains moisture. If you cannot locate perlite it is quite OK to use straight potting mix and cow manure.

# Planting

You can fit approx. 5 or 6 punnets of seedlings into the medium Vegepod. Place the taller growing plants furthest away from the sun. Leave space around edges as closing the lid when your plants are established can be difficult.

Or you can plant seeds - just scatter and thin out when they shoot up.

# Watering

The biggest problem we have discovered is over-watering which inhibits growth. The Vegepod has superior water management capabilities and makes excellent use of every drop.

The Vegecovers let some rain in, breaking it into a fine mist so keep in mind when watering. A good downpour will fill the reservoirs or leaving the watering system on for half an hour will also. Once full the reservoir will leak excess water out of the small overflow hole.

**1<sup>st</sup> week** – water your seedlings with the mist-spray system daily for the first 7 days (5 – 10 minutes a time depending on season).

**2<sup>nd</sup> week** – reduce watering dependant on weather. If you have maximum sun (8 hours or more) then water on hot days for a few minutes at a time. If you have minimum sun (4 hours or less of direct sunlight) then water only on very hot days. Or twice a week for a few minutes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> week and beyond** – only water on hot days. The plants are now getting most of their required moisture from the reservoir.

- It is possible to leave your plants for up to 2 weeks without watering if they are established
- It is also possible to attach a 24 hour timer to your tap - remember don't over-water!