

# VEGETABLE GARDEN BOX

A proper raised vegetable garden box will provide fresh, home-grown vegetables all year round.



## TOOL CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Power drill       | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit level            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timber drill bits | <input type="checkbox"/> Rake                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Clamps      | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety goggles & hearing protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circular saw      | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Duty staple gun   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanner     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel            | <input type="checkbox"/> Staples or Carpet tacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves |  |

## MATERIALS CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 x treated pine sleepers, 200mm x 50mm x 2.4m | <input type="checkbox"/> Fertiliser/ Garden soil / Organic animal manure mix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 90mm x 90mm x 1.6m treated pine post           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable seeds/plants                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 175mm galvanized coach bolts                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil to mark                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weed mat                                       |  |

### HINTS & TIPS



A raised garden bed conserves moisture, suppresses weed growth and extends the planting season.

The custom soil mix allows for great soil quality, and because it isn't compacted from walking, the roots have an easier time growing. Plants can be grown close together so yields go up and water-use efficiency is maximised. What's more, the soil level is higher, so there's less stress on your back when planting, weeding and harvesting.



## STEP 1 PREPARATION

The ideal size bed is 1200mm wide, 2400mm long and 400mm (or two sleepers) high; using 200mm x 50mm x 2400mm treated pine sleepers, which are ideal as they are resistant to rotting. Check your local Home Timber and Hardware for availability and alternative options.

Be sure to wear safety goggles, dust mask, gloves and hearing protection. (*Diagram 01*)



Diagram 01

## STEP 2 BUILD & FILL



Diagram 02

Measure 400mm and cut 4 corner posts using the 90mm x 90mm treated pine posts. Measure 1200mm and cut the sleepers for the short ends of the bed to size (*Diagram 02*).



Diagram 03

Every sleeper needs two bolts to secure it to each corner post. Mark and drill your screw holes (*Diagram 03*). Attach them to the corner posts using 175 millimetre galvanised coach bolts and washers.



Diagram 04

Hammer the bolts through the hole, add a washer, then fasten with the nut (*Diagram 04*). Using the same technique attach the long sleepers to the two end sections.



Diagram 05

Use a heavy duty stapler, or a hammer and carpet tacks, to attach the weed mat to the top sleeper on one of the long sides (*Diagram 05*).

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Diagram 06

Unroll the mat to the other side, making sure it's pressed up tight against the bottom corners, and staple into the opposing sleeper side (*Diagram 06*). Overlap the rolls of weed matting by 100mm. Do the same from the short sides to ensure total weed cover.



Diagram 07

Add a well-draining garden soil, and mix with organic animal manure and homemade compost (*Diagram 07 & 08*). Fill the garden bed to around 30mm from the top. Now you can enjoy growing fabulous fresh vegetables.



Diagram 08

## STEP 3 PLANT

Get into your local Home Timber and Hardware to pick up seeds or seedlings. Follow the directions of the seed packets or plant containers to see how deep to sow the seeds and how far apart

they should be planted. If you're unsure, ask our friendly staff for proper advice on what to plant, and the type of fertiliser appropriate to your crop.

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