



# Raised Garden Bed Corners

## How to Create a Raised Garden Bed using Raised Bed Corners

Raised Bed Corners make it easy to build a raised garden bed for growing your favorite vegetables or attractive ornamentals. The bed should be constructed so that it is easy for you to reach across to weed or harvest vegetables. We recommend beds no wider than 48 inches.

With our Raised Bed Corners, you can build beds up to 8 feet long. Two sets of Raised Bed Corners are needed to form the four, right-angle corners of your raised bed. If the bed is built against an existing fence or wall, then only one set of Raised Bed Corners is needed.

- 2- Corner Connectors
- 2- Corner Caps
- 8- 1¼" Phillips Screws

## Lumber for your Raised Garden Bed

\*Use standard, 2" dimensional lumber, available at home supply stores. We recommend cedar because it's naturally insect- and rot-resistant. If you choose to use a pine product, Yellow Pine will last a little longer than traditional construction-grade pine. You can also stain non-cedar wood (preferably with a non-toxic stain or sealer). You will need 10" wide boards for these corners, which is the correct depth needed to grow most plants.

**\*Please Note:** Raised Garden Bed Corners accept a standard 2" board. (The true measurement of a 2" board is actually 1.5".) If you have wood specially cut for your raised bed, be certain it's cut to a 1.5" width. If you purchase off the shelf, it will be labeled as a 2" wide board but will be ready to go—no cutting required.

## Tools Needed

- Drill with Phillips head tip
- Rubber mallet or hammer (use a small wood block to cushion a regular hammer)
- Saw, if needed, to cut the lumber to length (this can also be done at most home supply stores).

## Assembly

1. Locate a level area that will receive the appropriate amount of sunlight needed by your plants. If you are installing the raised bed on a lawn, you can remove the sod or place a weed barrier over the grass to stop any weeds from growing up through the soil.
2. Place the boards into the slots of each Raised Bed Corner to form the bed. Make sure the boards are fully seated and level before securing them.
3. Use the Phillips Screws provided to connect the boards to the corners.
4. Insert the black plastic Corner Caps into the top of each corner. Gently tap into place with a rubber mallet, or with a hammer, using a piece of wood for cushioning.

You can add a variety of media to fill your raised bed. The benefit of any raised bed is that you can choose what type of growing media you use to give your plants a strong start. We recommend that at least 25% of the media used be well-cured compost. Compost can be found at private companies or at county or municipal offices. Check with your county extension office for local options. Other media options include garden soil, coir, soilless media and topsoil—all available at local home supply stores.

## Volume Guidelines

- 4' x 4' x 10" = 13 ½ cubic ft; ½ cubic yard; 85 gallons
- 4' x 6' x 10" = 20 cubic ft; ¾ cubic yard; 130 gallons
- 4' x 8' x 10" = 27 cubic ft; 1 cubic yard; 175 gallons

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