

SIMPLE RAISED BED

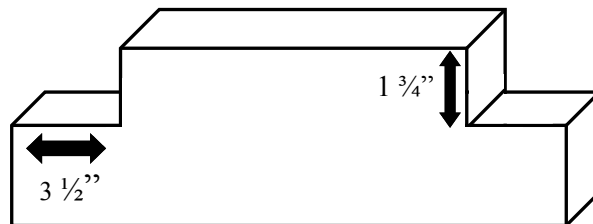
A raised bed improves soil drainage, allowing for plant roots to breathe better. The soil in a raised bed warms up faster in the spring and the soil is not compacted since you do not walk on the bed.

Materials

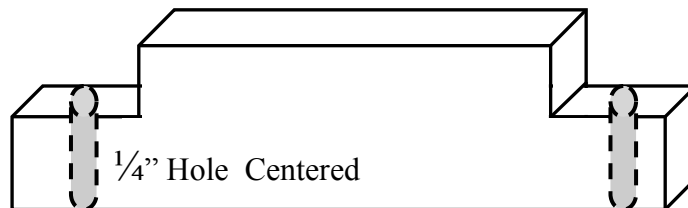
- Four pieces of 4 X 4 lumber, Cedar or Douglas Fir recommended
- Four 8" landscaping spikes
- Compost and top soil
- Band saw or hand saw
- Drill
- Hammer

Instructions

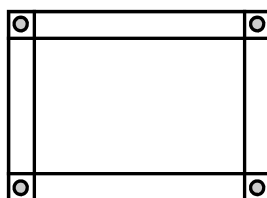
1. Using a band saw or hand saw, cut lap joints on each end of four pieces of 4 X 4 lumber. The lap joints give the frame more rigidity.



2. Drill 1/4" holes in center of each lap joint.



3. Fit the pieces together to form a square.



4. Hammer the 8" landscaping spikes into each hole and into the ground. The spikes will help form a solid frame.
5. Fill the frame with compost and top soil.

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