

HOW TO MAKE A 10 x 4 RAISED GARDEN BED

I used all pressure treated wood in an effort to make a raised bed that would last a while, but you could use regular lumber as well. The pressure treated wood results in a VERY heavy raised bed, so you will definitely need an extra pair of hands to move it into position.

I bought all my materials at Home Depot. They cut everything to size for me for no additional charge. The total cost was about \$40. Since the cutting was all done, the bed itself took less than an hour to assemble.

Materials:

1 - 2 x 10 x 8 cut in half

2 - 2 x 10 x 10

1 - 2 x 2 post cut into 4 10" sections

1 box of 2 ½ " deck screws (mine came with the requisite drill bit)

power drill

clamp

level

- Work on a flat, level surface. Lay out the four boards. Place one 2 x 2 in each corner.
- Working one corner at a time, line up the two boards against the square post. Use a clamp to hold the wood in place while you drill in with deck screws from the outside. It doesn't really matter where you screw, but be careful to line up the screws so that they do not bump into a screw coming from the other direction. Put in enough screws so that each corner is extremely stable.



- Continue screwing the corners until the box is complete. It is very important to keep the sides level as you work, so check continuously with a level.

And that's it! Move your raised bed into position and fill it with dirt or compost.

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