



Raised Garden Bed Corners

How to create a Raised Bed Garden using Raised Bed Corners

Raised Bed Corners make it easy to build a raised bed garden that you can use for growing your favorite vegetables or attractive ornamentals. The bed should be constructed so that it is easy for you to reach across and weed or harvest vegetables. We recommend beds no wider than 48". With our Raised Bed Corners, you can make the beds up to 8 feet long. You will need to use **two sets** of Raised Bed Corners to form the four right-angle corners of your raised bed. Each set includes:

- 2- Corner Connectors
- 2- Corner Caps
- 8- 1-1/4" 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). You can use a 4" and a 6" wide board to make the 10" sides if 10" is not available. 8" boards will also work with these corners.

Tools needed

- Drill with Phillips screwdriver 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 could also be done at most home supply stores)

Assembly

Step 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 weed barrier over the grass to stop any weeds from growing up through the soil.

Step 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 screwing them together.

Step 3. Use the Phillips screws provided to connect the boards to the corners.

Step 4. Insert the black plastic Corner Caps into the top of each corner. Gently tap into place with rubber mallet, or with a hammer, using a piece of wood for cushioning.

Depending on the size of bed, you can add a variety of media to fill the raised bed. The benefit of any raised bed is that you can dictate the type of soil and 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/Municipal offices (check with your County Extension Office for ideas). Other media can be garden soil, coir, soil-less media, topsoil, all available at local home supply stores). Some ideas on volume needed are:

4'x4' by 10" = 13 1/2 cubic ft; 1/2 cubic yards; 85 gallons

4'x6'x10" = 20 cubic ft; 3/4 cubic yards; 130 gallons

4'x8'x10" = 27 cubic ft; 1 cubic yards; 175 gallons

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