Raised Garden



ONE 4' X 4' X 1' CEDAR RAISED BED GARDEN FOR \$100

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Tools



*ADJUST SIZES AS NEEDED FOR YOUR OWN PROJECT IF NECESSARY

Supplies



FOUR 2" X 6" X 8' CEDAR BOARDS (CUT INTO EIGHT 4' LENGTH BOARDS)	16 OR 24 1/4" WASHERS
4 FRAMING ANGLES 10" LONG*	16 OR 24 1/4" NUTS
16 OR 24 1/4" X 2 1/2 HEX SCREWS*	

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Cedar

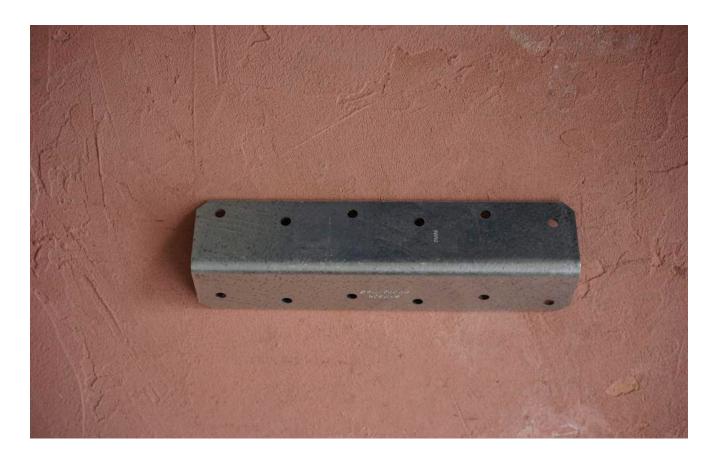


Purchase Thick Untreated Cedar Boards

- THE BEST VALUE IS A 2" X 6" X 8' BOARD
- 2" = THICKNESS
- 6" = HEIGHT
- 8' = LENGTH
- CHECK BOARDS FOR STRAIGHTNESS, CHIPS OR CRACKS OR DAMAGE
- ASK THE STORE TO CUT* THESE IN HALF TO CREATE EIGHT 4' LONG BOARDS

*CHANGE THE CUTS BASED ON DIFFERENT BED DESIGNS. FOR A 4' X 8', 2 MORE BOARDS
CAN BE PURCHASED AND ONLY 2 BOARDS WILL BE CUT

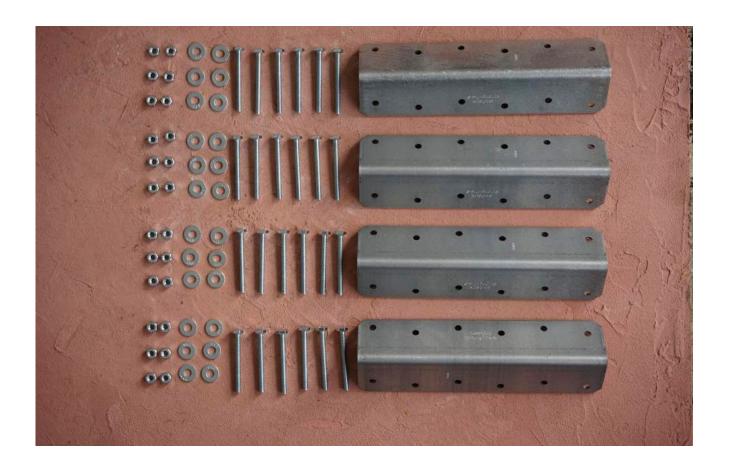
Framing Angle



Purchase Framing Angles in the Decking Department

Framing angles allow you to create a clean design with minimal wear to your boards and no extra trim purchase the tallest framing angle that will connect your two boards. There are 4", 8" and 12" angles. Place them inside your boards to be certain they fit.

Hex Screws and Such



Purchase Hex Screws That Fit Your Framing Angle

Find hex screws (these are zinc) that fit into the holes of your framing angle (1/4" usually works). You can do 3 per side (6 per corner) or just 2 per side (4 per corner). Collect 16 or 24 hex screws 2 1/2" long, match 16 or 24 washers, match 16 or 24 nuts, and test the combo to be sure it all fits.

*BE SURE YOUR SCREWS ARE 2 1/2" LONG SO THEY MAKE IT THROUGH THE THICK WOOD, AND DOUBLE CHECK YOUR MATERIALS BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

Just in Case



Show the store manager this box to find the proper framing angle.

Framing angles are generally made by Simpson and near other angles and joiners for deck designs.







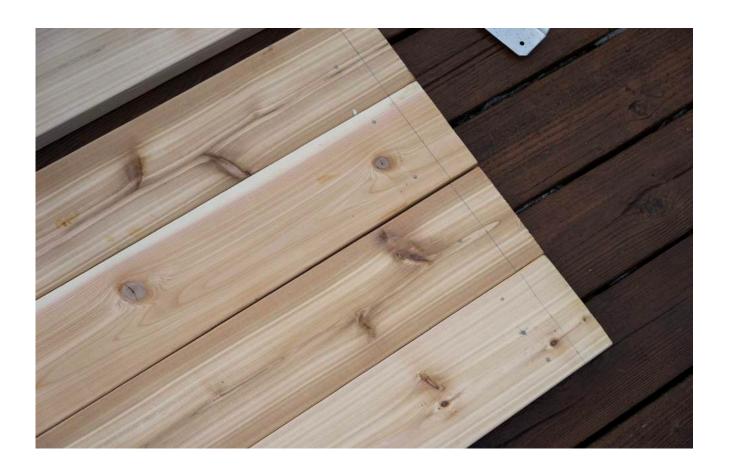
Be certain the corkscrew on your hex screws goes all the way to the top of the screw. Match your washer and nuts to its size.

Gather Tools



- SAW NOT NEEDED IF STORE CUTS FOR YOU
- PENCIL AND TAPE MEASURE TO MARK BOARDS & HOLES FOR DRILLING
- HAND DRILL (FOR CREATING HOLES FOR EACH HEX SCREW)
- 1/4" DRILL BIT (OR APPROPRIATE SIZE FOR HOLES)
- BOLT TIGHTENER TO TIGHTEN THE SCREWS & NUTS TOGETHER

Measure step 1



Measure the exact thickness of the board. Hardware stores say 2", but it is generally thinner than that. These boards were 1 3/4". Then mark that thickness along both edges of four boards to create a straight line (this is where the other board will lay flat against this board).

Step by Step









Mark STEP 2







Line up the framing angle along the line you've created and mark 2 or 3 holes that you'll drill. Be sure the holes are not in between the two boards and ensure there's at least one hole per board. **Double and triple check your marks!**

Drill STEP 3





Carefully drill a straight hole into each mark.

Attach STEP 4



Attach each framing angle with the hex screw on the outside and the washer and nut on the inside. Once complete, you should have two panels complete with framing angles on both ends as pictured here.

Step by Step



- **A** Use panel with framing angle
- **B** Attach two boards to outside of angle
- **C** Mark holes for drilling
- **D** Drill holes and attach boards
- **E** Use hex screws, washers and nuts
- F Repeat on other side
- **G** Lay U-shaped bed down
- **H** Slide in other panel with framing

angle

- Mark holes for drilling
- Connect final side to theU-shaped garden
- **K** Use hex screws, washers, nuts
- L Check all angles for straightness
- **M** Use a bolt tightener on all screws

Mark step 5



- $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{A}} \; \big| \; \mathsf{Line} \; \mathsf{up} \; \mathsf{two} \; \mathsf{new} \; \mathsf{boards} \; \mathsf{along} \; \mathsf{one} \; \mathsf{framing} \; \mathsf{angle} \;$
- **B** Ensure the edges are flush and straight
- C Mark holes for drilling (2 or 3 holes each based on your choice)

Drill & Attach STEP 6



- A Remove boards, drill holes in marked spots
- **B** Attach two boards; with hex screws, washers, and nuts (having a partner for this step is great!)
- **C** Complete first corner of the raised garden bed

Repeat step 7



- **A** Repeat the same steps on the other side of the one panel
- **B** Line up two boards, mark holes, drill, and attach two more boards with screws, washers, and nuts (Again, a cute partner is key!)

Check STEP 8



- A | Check the angles on your U-shaped
- **B** Be certain all angles are flush and at 90 degrees
- C Lay the U shaped bed down
- D Slide in the final panel with the framing angles attached

Finish STEP 9



- **A** | Mark holes to attach the final panel to the U shape
- **B** Drill holes where holes are marketd
- C Attach the panel with final set of screws, washers and nuts

Tighten STEP 10



- A | Once each angle is secured, tighten each bolt with a bolt tightener
- **B** Don't do this before you're certain the bed is as you'd like it
- Once all bolts are secure, move the bed out to your desired location, and now it's time to fill it with soil!



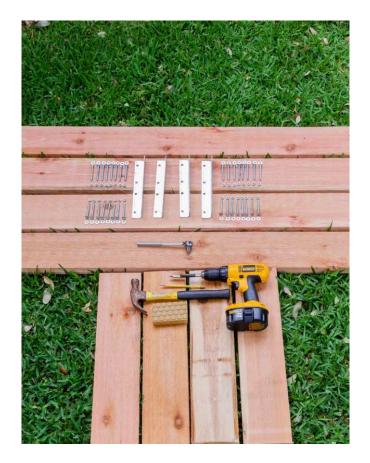
Modifications

4' x 4' x 6" garden

- Purchase two 2" x 6" x 8' boards and have them cut to 4' each
- Use 4" framing angles

4' x 6' x 1' garden

- Purchase six 2" x 6" x 8' boards and cut two boards to 4' each and cut four boards to 6' each (with 2' extra on each board)
- Use 12" framing angles



4' x 8' x 1' garden

- Purchase six 2" x 6" x 8' boards and have only two boards cut to 4' each
- Use 12" framing angles

2' x 6' x 1' garden

- Purchase four 2" x 6" x 8' boards and cut two feet off of each board to have four 6' length boards and four 2' length boards.
- Use 12" framing angles

this size garden is perfect for a more narrow setting where you'd like to line up gardens along a fence line, driveway or the side of your home



One 2' X 8' X 1'
CEDAR RAISED BED GARDEN
FOR \$100



One 4' X 4' X 1/2' CEDAR RAISED BED GARDEN FOR \$50

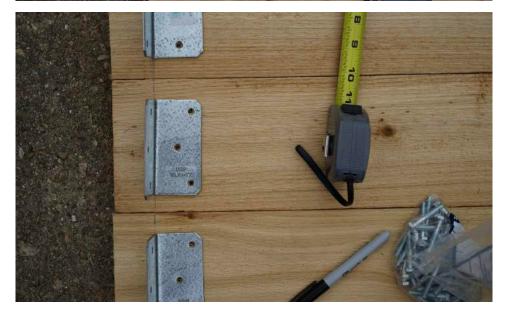


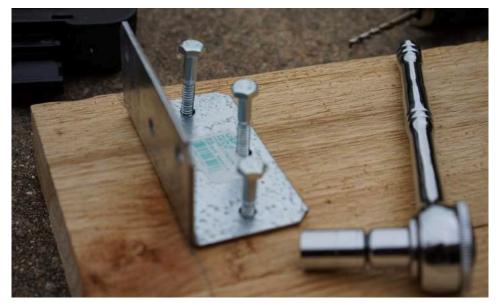
4' x 4' x 1/2' garden

- Purchase two 2" x 6" x 8' boards and cut each board in half for a total of four 4' boards
- Use 4" framing angles
- 16-24 1" HEX SCREWS

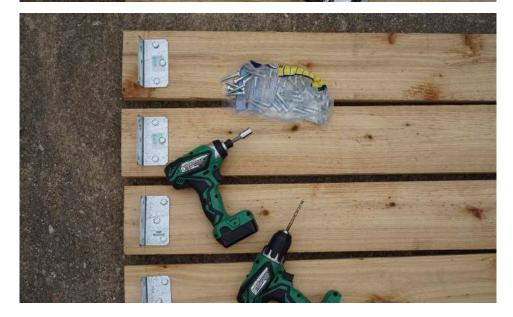














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ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR RAISED GARDEN

