



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Building a Raised-bed Garden

http://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/how-to/raised_bed_gardening

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Materials List

- 6 6" x 6" x 8' Cedar timbers from a local lumber yard
(two of the 8' timbers cut in half, to make four 4' sections)
- 30 3" Galvanized nails from a lumber yard or hardware store
- 20 8" Spikes from a lumber yard or hardware store
- Contractor's pencil (use your kid's school pencil)
- Level (borrow from a neighbor)
- Carpenter's square (use your kid's science textbook)
- 1 ½ Cubic yards compost/topsoil mix from any reputable garden center or wholesale landscape supply source
- 1 Roll of landscape fabric from any hardware store
(if you are worried about soil contamination)
- 1 Mallet or sledgehammer
- 1 Hammer
- At least one good shovel
- String