

Raised Garden Bed

Difficulty

Moderate

Learn how to build a raised garden bed out of 2x4 and 2x6 boards. The garden bed is about 2 feet tall so you will be able to garden comfortably without getting on your knees. This is a quick weekend project that will spruce up any yard.









Tools

Kreg Tools

Kreg®

Pocket- Kreg® Pocket-Hole Jig 720

Hole Jig 720

Other Tools

Miter Saw

Tape Measure

Drill (cordless)

Stapler

Sander

Materials

Wood Products

- **3** Board , 2x4 , 120"
- **7** Board , 2x6 , 120"

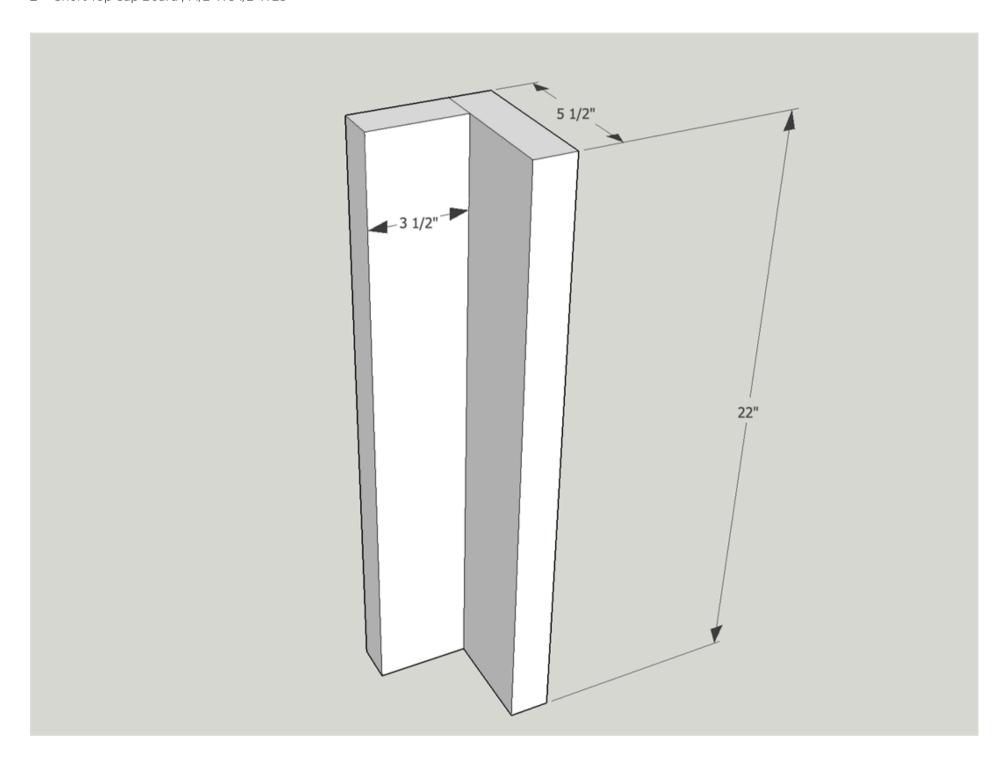
Hardware & Supplies

- 1 Box Of 2 1/2 Inch Blue Kreg Screws
- 1 Box 2 1/2 Inch Wood Screws
- 1 Outdoor Stain / Sealer
- 1 1 Roll Of Weed Barrier
- 1 Soil To Fill Planter Approximately 19.1 Cubic Feet

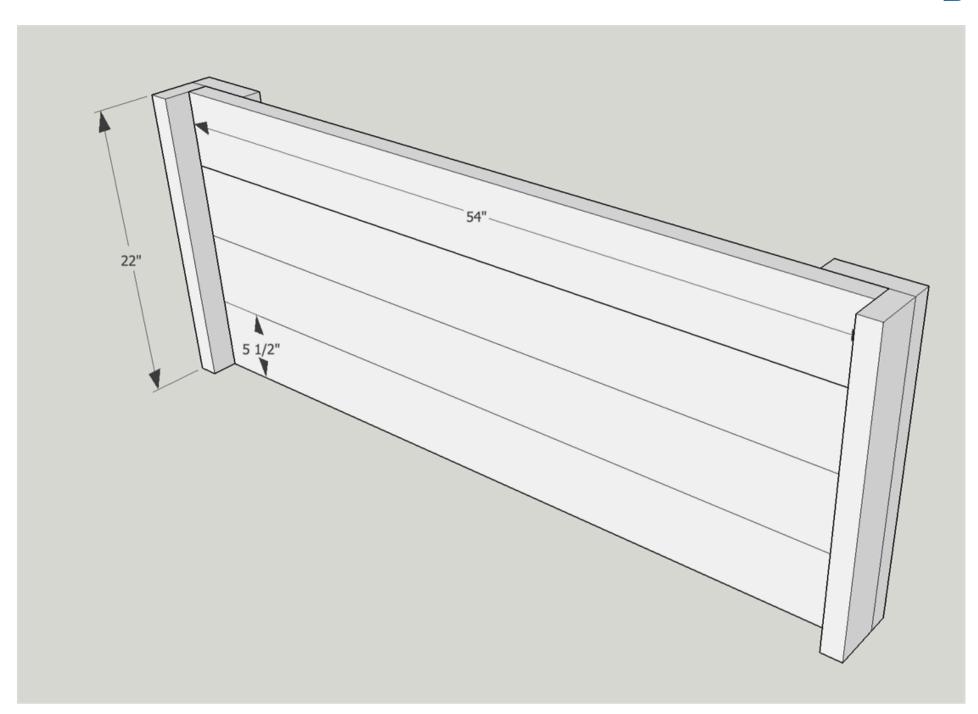


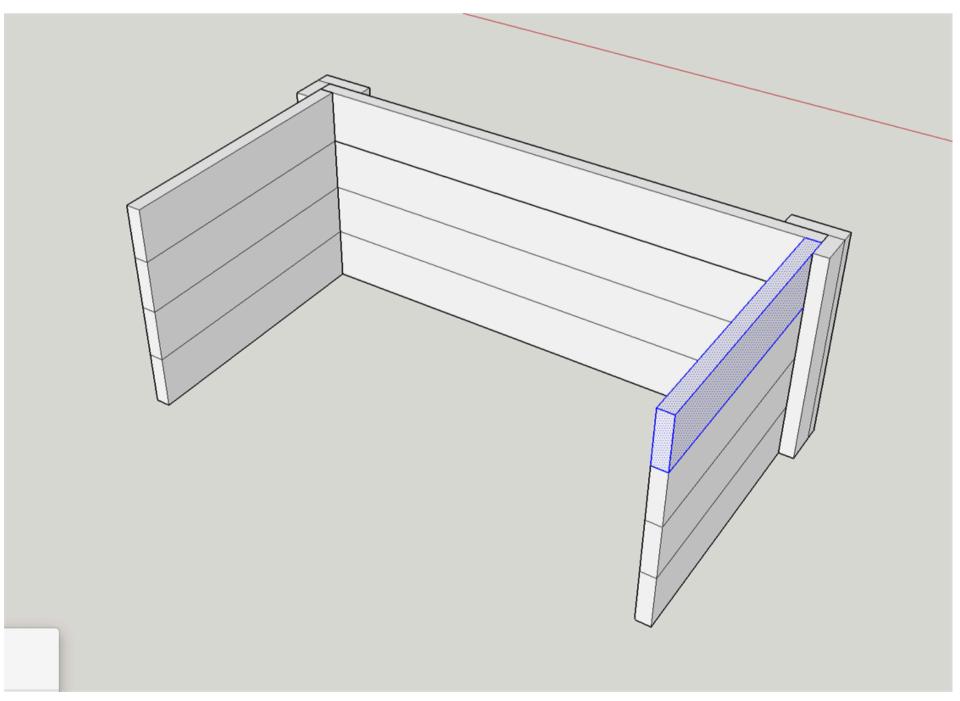
Cut List & Parts

- **6** Leg And Center Support , 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" X 22"
- **4** Leg , 1 1/2" X 5 1/2" X 22"
- **8** Long Side Boards , 1 1/2" X 5 1/2" X 54"
- **8** Short Side Boards, 11/2" $\times 51/2$ " $\times 28$ "
- **2** Long Top Cap Board , 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" X 58"
- **2** Short Top Cap Board , 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" X 28"

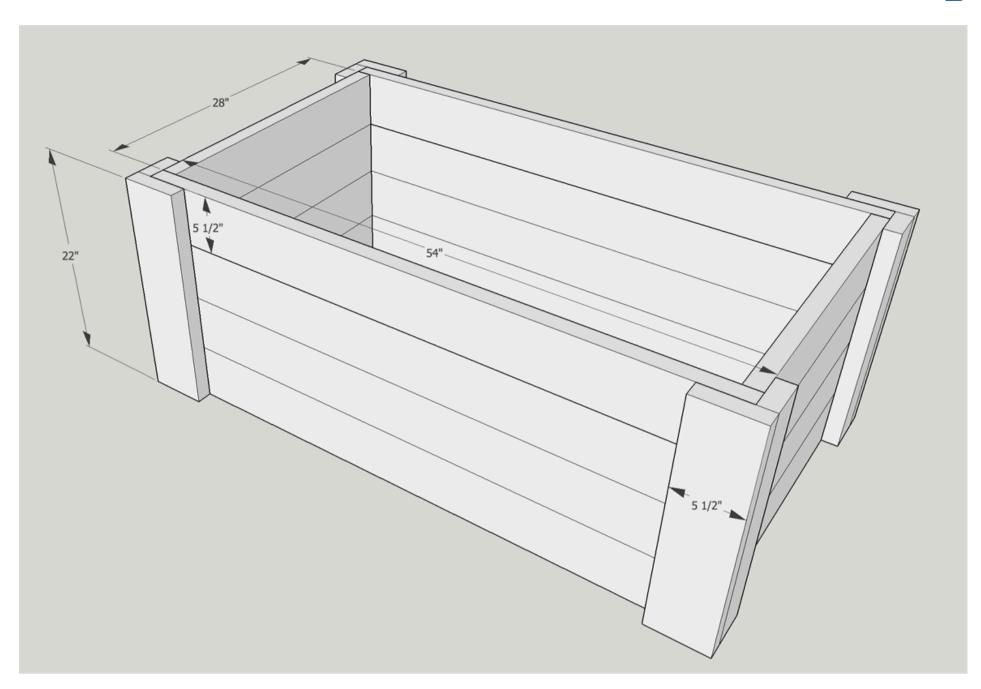


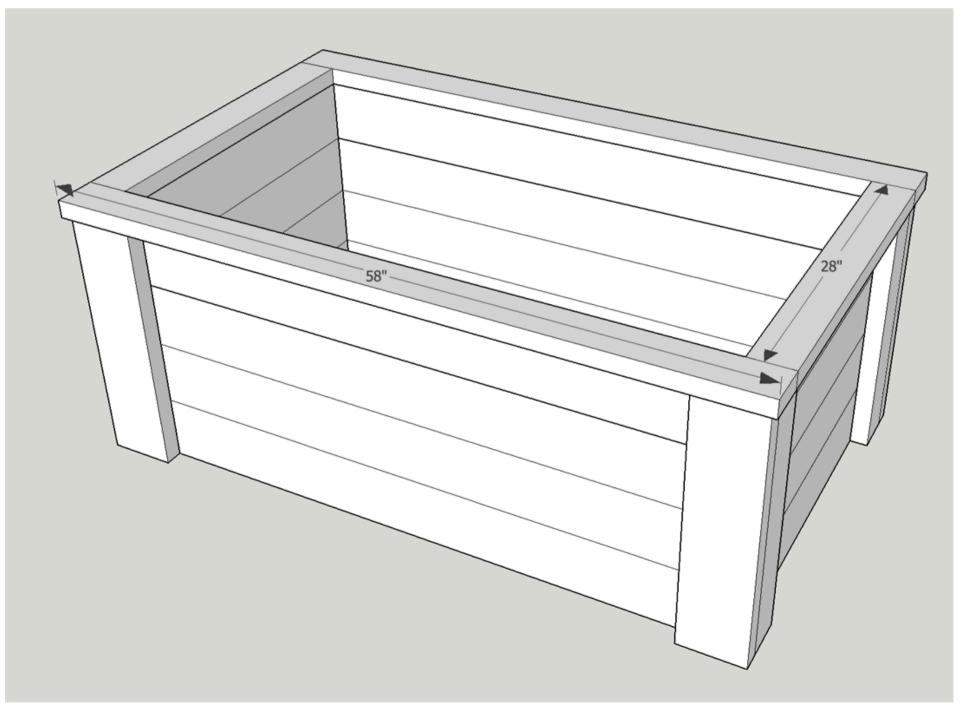




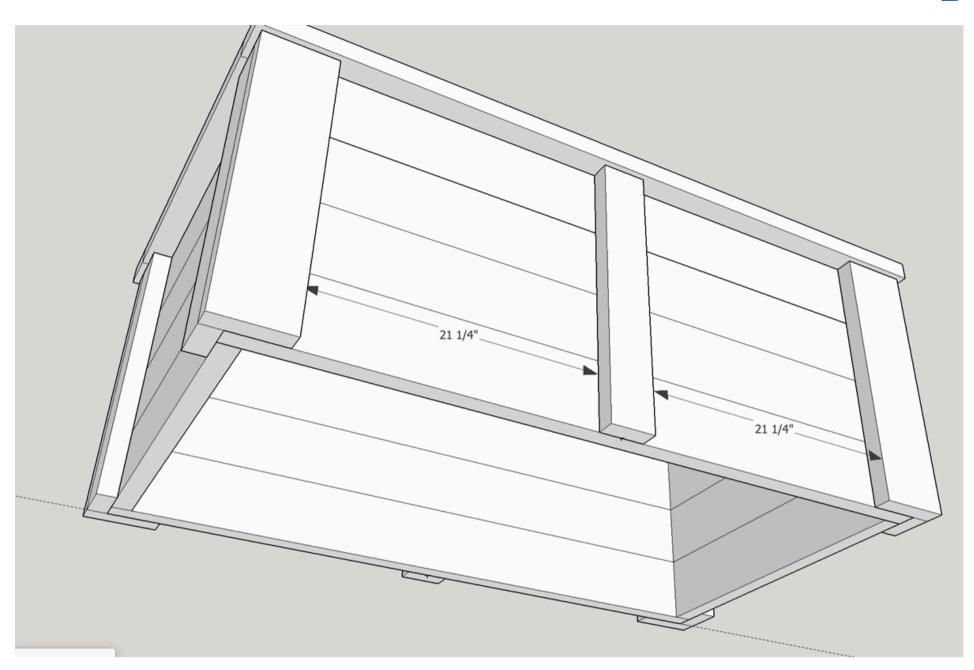














Directions

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Gather Materials

Gather materials. Redwood or cedar are both good choices for outdoor projects. You'll need 2x4 and 2x6 boards.







Make Cuts

Use a miter saw or circular saw to make each cut according to the cut list. Feel free to modify the size as needed to best fit your needs.







Create pocket holes

Use a pocket hole jig to attach the two boards that form each leg. Drill pocket holes into the 2x4 board. I'd recommend creating 4 pocket holes for each leg.







Connect legs

Use 2 1/2 inch Kreg screws to attach the leg boards.







Layout boards

Layout the legs and long side boards.







Attach side boards to legs

Use 2 1/2 inch wood screws to attach each 2x6 board to each leg. Use 2 screws on the end of each board.







Prepare to add short side board

Here is a photo showing the two longer sections prior to adding the other 2 sections.





Connect short side boards

Use 2 1/2 inch wood screws to attach the shorter 2x6 side boards to the leg.





Sides added

Here is a photo showing the sides connected.





Connect the last side

Complete the four sided box by attaching the remaining side with 2 1/2 inch wood screws.







Create cap boards frame

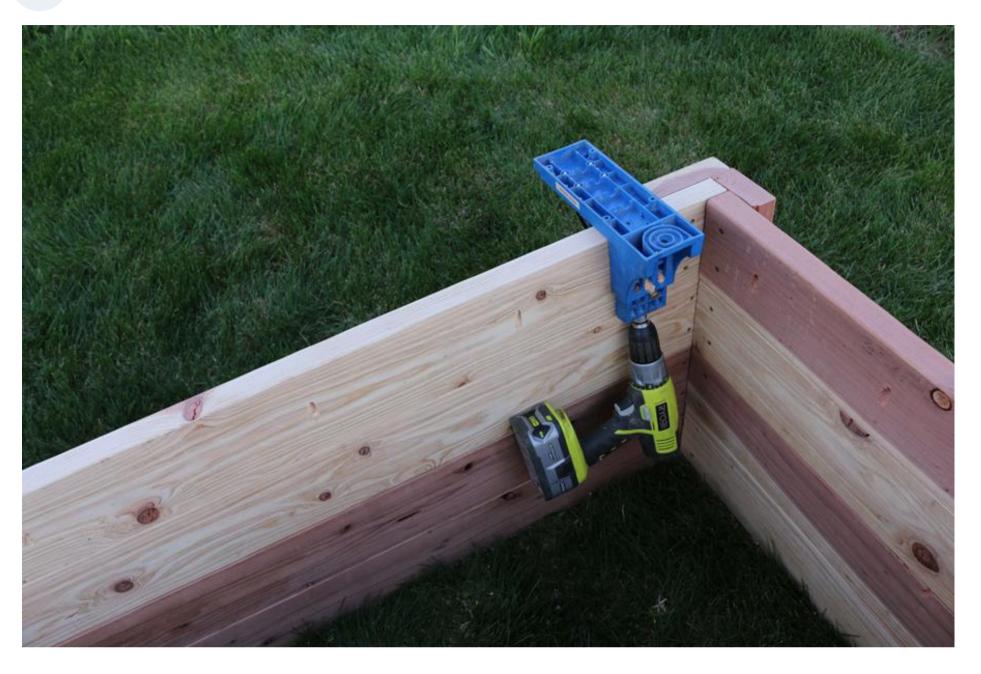
Form the frame for the top cap out of 2x4 boards. Connect at each corner from the underside using 2 1/2 inch Kreg screws.





Create pocket holes

Drill pocket holes to enable the top caps to be connected from the underside using 2 1/2 inch Kreg screws.





Add center 2x4 supports

Center the 2x4 middle supports on the outside of the planter and then attach with 2 1/2 inch screws from the inside.







Prior to cap

Here is the planter prior to the 2x4 cap frame being attached.







Attach cap from underside

Attach the top cap to the sidewalls from the underside using 2 1/2 inch Kreg screws.







Level

Determine where the planter will go. Create a level surface.







Weed cloth

Add weed cloth to prevent unwanted vegetation from growing into your planter. Use chicken wire to keep gophers out if needed.





Add soil

Add soil to the planter. It will take approximately 19 cubic feet. Plants some flowers, herbs, or vegetables!

