

Raised Bed Revolution: Build It! Fill It! Plant It... Garden Anywhere!

Thank you so much for attending my talk! Here are some resources related to the presentation that may be helpful for your spring planning. Please find me on social media if you have questions or would like to see articles relating to raised beds and other gardening topics.

Happy Gardening!

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Where to put your raised bed(s)!

Raised beds can be placed anywhere that gets lots of sun – ideally 8 to 10 hours of sun a day.

At the lumberyard:

- Typically, raised beds are about 3 to 4 feet wide, 6 to 8 feet long, and 10 to 12 inches high.
- Look for rot resistant wood, like cedar and hemlock.

At the garden centre:

- If you build a typical raised bed, it will take a lot of bags of soil to fill. I usually arrange a soil delivery of good-quality triple mix instead, which I top-dress with compost (this could be a delivery or bags of shrimp, mushroom, manure, etc.).

Raised bed options

Some of the companies mentioned in my presentation include:

- [Bufco](#) (kits)
- [Lee Valley Tools](#) (corners)
- Fabric raised beds: [Smart Pots](#), [Geopot](#)
- Self-watering raised bed: [Vegepod](#)

Materials to make the lettuce table

- I stapled hardware cloth to the bottom of the lettuce table and lined it with landscape fabric. For the big lettuce table I used metal hardware cloth, which is like chicken wire, but with the smaller lettuce side table, I found plastic hardware cloth, which is easier to work with.

Materials to make a mini hoop tunnel

- I used 1/2" PEX pipe to make the hoops, and 1/2" PVC conduit clamps on the inside of the raised bed to hold them. I placed lightweight floating row cover as a season extender and for pest prevention and held it in place with spring clamps.

Seed company recommendations

I like to spread the love around, but my favourite local-to-me seed company is [William Dam](#).

Other companies based in Ontario whom I've bought seeds from include:

- [Matchbox Garden](#)
- [The Cottage Gardener](#)
- [Urban Harvest](#)
- [Richters](#)
- [Florabunda Seeds](#)
- I've bought seedlings from [Tree and Twig](#)