How To Build a Garden Box

Building a garden box is easy and inexpensive. Here's how:

Materials: □ 4—2x6 planks, each cut into 4 foot sections. □ 12 coarse-thread deck screws. Each screw should be twice as long as the thickness of the wood—3" for a 2x6. □ Power drill □ Weed cloth □ Staple gun (optional) □ 8 cubic feet of soil mix: 1/3 peat moss, 1/3 vermiculite and 1/3 compost.

Bird's Eye View

Directions:

- 1. Pre-drell 3 holes in the side of each board at one end.
- 2. Screw the boards together end-to-end with the deck screws, rotating corners (attach the end of one bard to the side of the other) until you have a complete square.
- 3. Staple the weed cloth to the bottom of the frame or place the weed cloth on the ground at your selected garden spot.
- 4. Fill the box with the soil mix, watering as you fill to ensure that the soil settles. Wood lath or string can be used to dicide the box into square-foot sections or you can leave the space open.
- 5. Add seeds or plants.

