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Another Type of Container



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THE BASICS

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Selecting a Container

- Anything that can hold soil and has drainage holes in it is perfectly suitable!
- If you find a container that is appealing but doesn't have drainage, you may always drill some holes in it.
- Think of the purpose:
 - Vegetables
 - Flowers
 - Succulents
 - Herbs
 - Decorative (Focal point or eye catcher)



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Soil, what should a person use?



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Soil Types

- Soil-based mediums
 - Pros: Heavier, retain moisture and nutrients
 - Cons: Could contain insects, weed seeds, or disease
- Soilless mediums
 - Pros: Free of insects, weed seeds, and disease organisms
 - Cons: Lacks longevity and Can be costly



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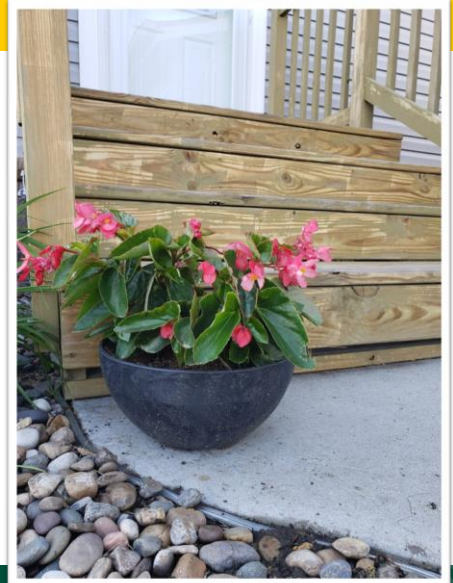
Constructing Raised Bed

- Pressurized Treated Lumber
- Oak
- Redwood
- Cedar
- Tin, plastic, etc.
- Avoid railroad ties

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Location

- Again, ask yourself what growing conditions are needed for the plants you are growing.
- Typically, you will want a spot that receives full sun or more than 6 hours a day.
- Find a spot that wind isn't going to cause damage.



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Watering

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Fertilizing



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Container Fillers

- Large containers can get very heavy depending on the how much growing medium is needed.
- Fillers are use to lighten the container and reduce the cost of growing mediums.
- Fillers to use:
 - Crush aluminum cans
 - Plastic milk jugs
 - Packing peanuts

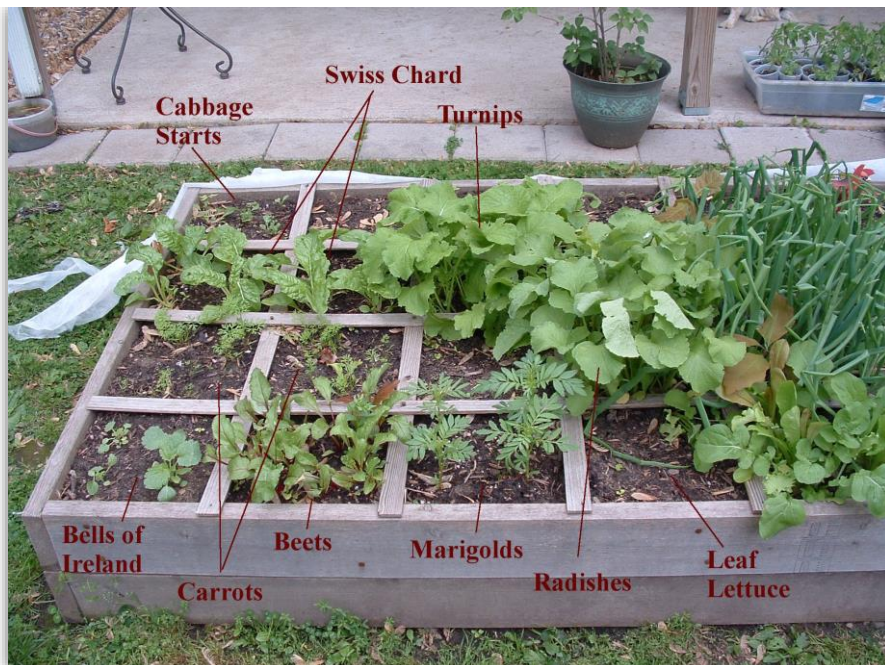
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Square Foot Gardening

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- Why?
 - Maximize Space
 - Less labor intensive
 - Set up is simple
 - Less weeding
 - Easier watering
 - No tilling
 - Crop rotation is achieved by simply moving into a new square

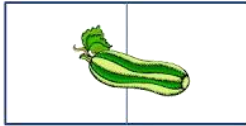


XL
1 plant per 2 square feet

Watermelon



Zucchini squash



Pumpkin



Melon
Winter squash
Summer squash

L
1 plant

Tomato



Eggplant



Broccoli



Cabbage
Cauliflower
Cucumber
Okra
Pepper

M
4 plants

Lettuce



Basil



Marigold



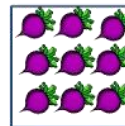
Corn
Parsley
Potato
Strawberry
Turnip

S
9 plants

Bush bean



Beet

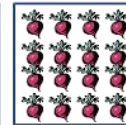


Spinach

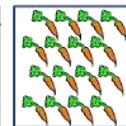


XS
16 plants

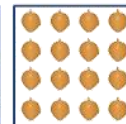
Radish



Carrot



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TIPS

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Mulch



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Think Vertical!



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Grow Recommended Varieties

Seeds



Transplants



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Attract Pollinators



Plant flowering plant throughout the season

- Spring: crocus, wild columbine, chives
- Mid-Summer: bee balm, black-eyed susan, coneflower
- Fall: sedum, New England aster, stiff goldenrod

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Thank you!
Questions?

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