

Hexagonal Raised Bed Corners

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The Kit includes:

- (24) 1¼" Phillips Screws
- (6) Angled Aluminum Corners sized to accept standard 2x10 dimensional lumber (lumber not included)

Selecting the Lumber

These instructions are for building a raised bed where you supply the lumber. Use 2x10 Standard Dimensional Lumber, available at lumber supply stores. The list below, identifies the length of the lumber you will need to create a 4-foot or 6-foot wide bed (inside dimension measured corner to corner). You may build a raised bed of a different size, simply by varying the length of the lumber.

For 4-foot wide raised bed:
2' x 2" x 10" (boards)

For 6-foot wide raised bed:
3' x 2" x 10" (boards)

If available, try using cedar or cypress — naturally insect- and rot-resistant. If you use pine or another softwood, you should treat it with a natural and non-toxic wood preservative or you may need to replace it in a few years.

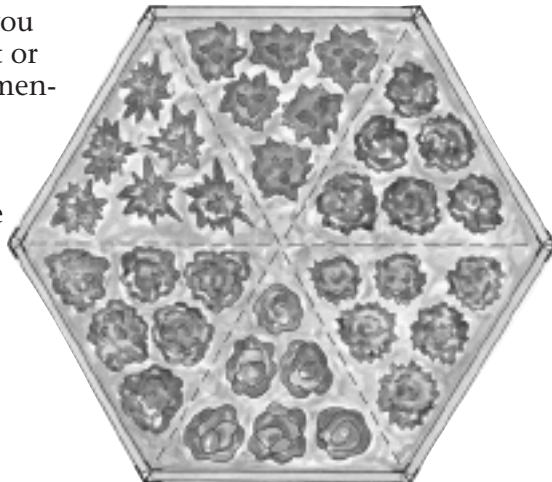
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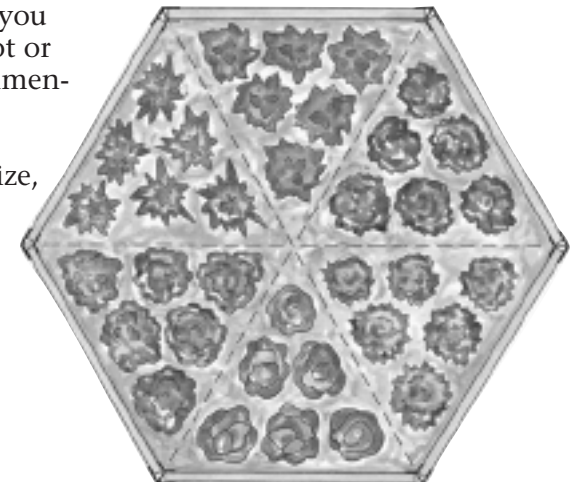
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Step 2. Place the boards into the slots of each Aluminum Corners. Make sure the boards are fully seated and level with the ground. Use the Phillips screws provided to connect the boards to the Corners. To make it easier, drill starter holes in the wood using the screw holes in the Aluminum Corners to guide you.

Make sure the boards are fully seated and secure by making adjustments as you work your way around the bed. Finish by tightening the screws with a Phillips screwdriver

Step 3. Fill the raised bed to the top edge with a mixture of garden soil and plenty of organic matter, such as compost.

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