**Instructions to Make Above Ground Garden Boxes**(These instructions will make (2-2’X4’) garden boxes.)
\*\*Box dimensions can be modified to fit the needs of your space.



**Materials Needed to Make Above Ground Garden Boxes**

 **3- (2’×10”x8’ pieces of untreated lumber) Example: Untreated Douglas Fir or Cedar**
Don’t get *treated* lumber because treatments can seep into the soil and contaminate your planting area.

**16- (#8 x 3″ wood screws)**
Use these longer screws to connect the corners of the above ground garden box.

**16- ( #6 x 1″ wood screws)**
Use these anchor the twine to create a grid system for the 1×1 planting plots.

**1 pack of twine**
Use this to create a grid system on top of the container, in 1×1 square foot patterns.

**16 cu ft. of garden soil (for flowers and vegetables)**
You will need 8 cu ft. of garden soil per (2X4’) garden box.

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1. Cut your 3- 2’X10”X8’ pieces of untreated lumber down to size. (Most hardware stores provide a service to cut your lumber. Some stores offer the service at no-cost, other stores charge a fee.)
	* Cut two of the boards in half, so you are left with 4-4 foot long boards. See picture below.

4’

4’

4’

4’

* + Cut the remaining board into 4-2 foot pieces. See picture below.

2’

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1. Next, position the boards in a rectangular pattern, alternating corners to make the “inside box” dimensions four feet by two feet. Fasten the sides using the #8×3″ wood screws. If you have trouble with the wood splitting, you may want to first drill pilot holes.

2’

4’

1. Create a grid system on top of the square foot gardening container using twine and #6×1″ screws, spaced a foot apart across the width and length of the container. Drill the screws about half way into the top of the 2×6s, leaving enough room to tie a knot of twine around the screw.

2’

4’