

Making a raised bed (l x b x h) 2.4m x 1.2m x 0.6m (Approx 8' x 4' x 2,)

from 22m treated sawn timber.

Materials (Prices correct February 2013)

8 of 22mm x 150mm x 3.6 m sawn treated timber cut 1.2m and 2.4m out of each length £39.20

2 of 75mm x 75mm x 3.0m sawn treated posts cut to 1.0m £13.58

100 75 mm ring nails £5.00

Total cost £57.72

If making 2+ beds costs reduce by about 10% If only 0.3m (12 ins) high beds required then approx £30 per bed. We have always used Whewells of Accrington (near Argos) for our timber as much cheaper than B&Q etc. They cut to size free of charge. The above lengths should fit easily into any hatchback so no need for delivery charges.

Tools 1 hammer, gloves.

Method Place the ends of two of the 1.0m posts on a level surface against a wall approx 2.4m apart.

Place 6 of the 2.4m planks on top of the two posts and adjust so that the planks come to the end of the posts. Now nail the 4 middle planks into the posts using three nails at each end of the plank.

Once you have nailed the planks into position remove the top and bottom planks and you have one side completed



Repeat, but this time you will only have 4 planks so place in position from the wall end. Leave the first plank and nail the other 3, then move first plank down to below the three already nailed and nail in position.

Now get two people to hold the two sides in their upright position approx 1.2 m apart and nail on the 4 end planks at each end to cover the ends of the side planks. Apply fence care type treatment to outside if wished.

We put a layer of cardboard in the bottom to act as weed prevention material, a couple of bags of clean white 20mm limestone chippings £2.00 a bag from Greengates plus any stones we have got out of the garden for drainage. Top this off with a mixture of LCC compost (free) and top soil (approx £12) and start planting.

