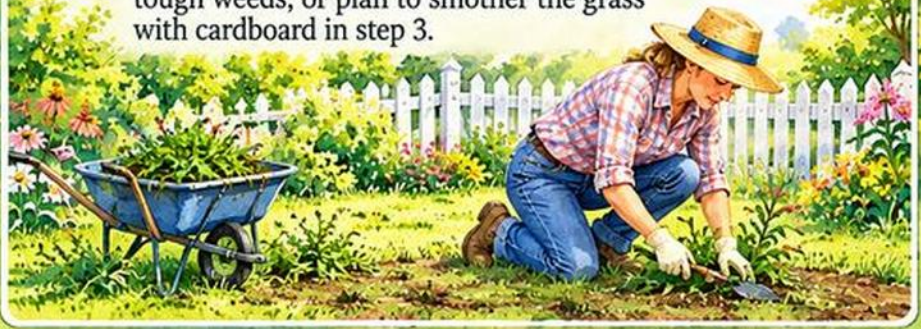
Build a Raised Bed Garden

A Weekend Project

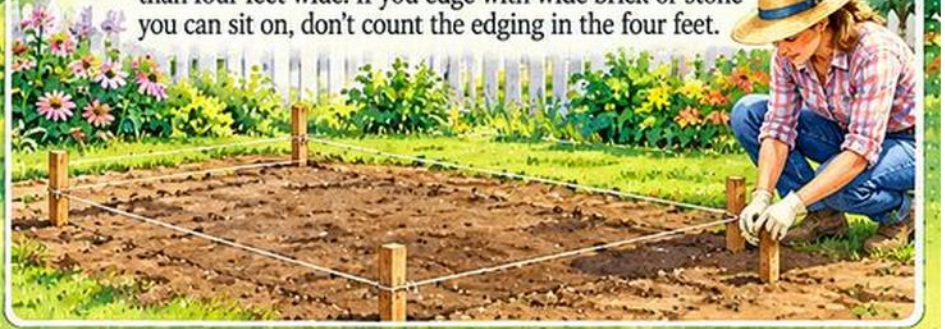
1 Pick the spot and clear it.

Choose your sunniest level spot. Pull or dig out tough weeds, or plan to smother the grass with cardboard in step 3.



2 Mark the outline.

Use stakes and string to lay out the edges, no more than four feet wide. If you edge with wide brick or stone you can sit on, don't count the edging in the four feet.



3 Build the frame and cover the bottom.

Put up the sides with wood, block, or stone. Lay cardboard or a thick layer of newspaper over the ground inside to stop weeds and grass. If you have moles or gophers, staple hardware cloth across the bottom first. Skip plastic landscape fabric; it keeps earthworms and deep roots out.



4 Fill with soil.

Fill to about two or three inches below the top of the frame so water doesn't run over the edges. Rake the top smooth.



5 Water and let it settle.

Soak the soil thoroughly. If it settles a lot, top it up, still leaving two to three inches below the rim. If you can, wait a week before planting.



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