

Choose Douglas fir or longer-lasting Western red cedar, both untreated.

How To Build Tall Raised Beds

Hardware cloth on the bottom lets roots grow down while keeping moles and rodents out.

Hardware and Tools

- 5 pounds coated, exterior-grade deck screws, about 2.75 inches long, with either a square- or star-shaped drive
- Several corresponding bits for handheld drill
- One roll of 36-inch-wide hardware cloth
- Pneumatic or manual staple gun with staples
- Measuring tape and hammer

Materials for Each Bed

Untreated dimensional lumber (Douglas fir, Western red cedar or similar):

- Eight 2" x 8" x 5' (1.5 x 7.25 actual dimension)
- Eight 2" x 8" x 3'
- Four 2" x 4" x 3'

Be sure to avoid existing screws when attaching the upright 2 x 4s.

