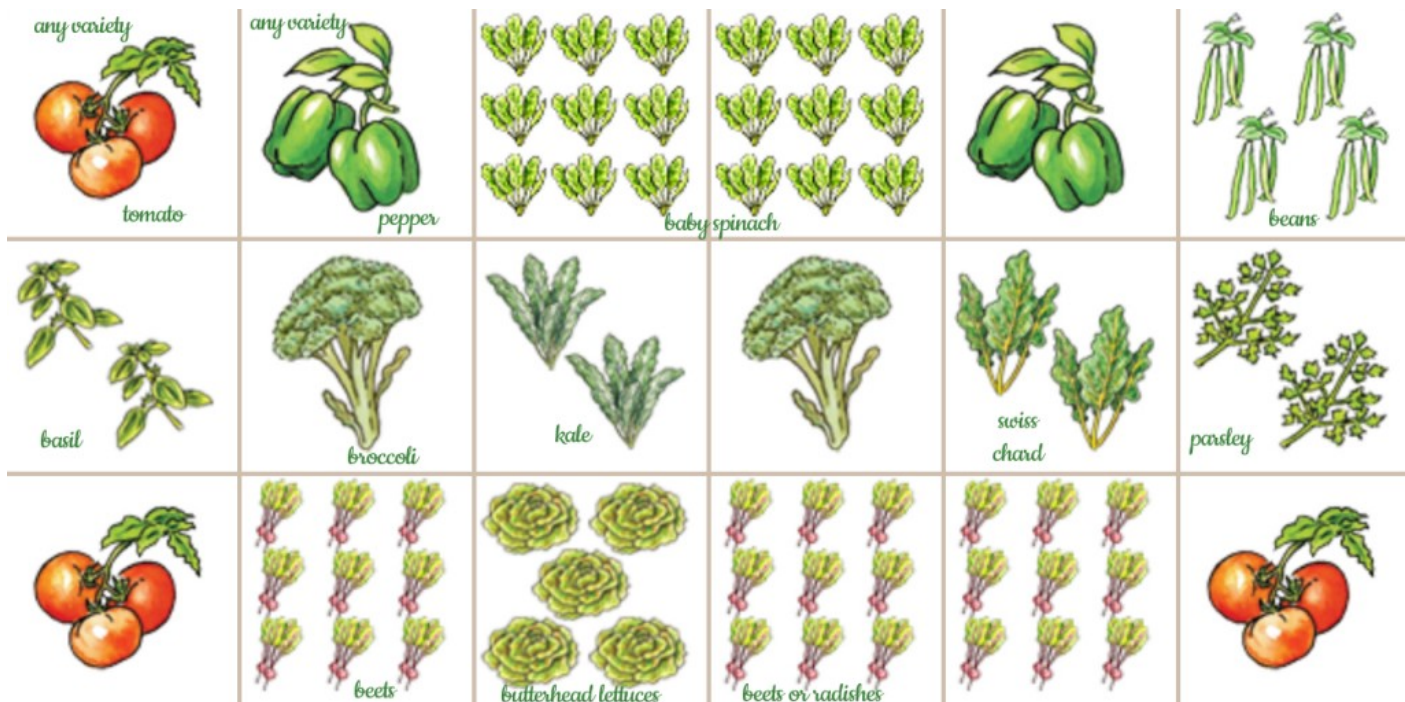




## Easy and Compact Raised Bed Kitchen Garden

- Great for beginners

The raised bed and trellises save space  
and vertical growing produces a better yield



Tomatoes, peppers, spinach, beans, basil, broccoli (I like broccolini), kale, rainbow swiss chard, italian flat leaf parsley, beets and/or sugar sweet radishes. Plenty of healthy variety for a family, and it takes up much less space than an in-ground garden. Just about eliminates the need for eradicating pests and weeds. Maintenance is much easier, too. Beginners and busy working people will love the convenience. Place the raised bed on legs for those gardeners who might have physical limitations. Everyone can get to garden.

If using on the ground, be sure to pull out weeds and rocks, and lay down landscape fabric to eliminate or at least slow down weeds. Fill the garden bed of your choice with well-draining potting soil (not soil from your garden). Add a bag or two of compost before planting.

Trellises keep the tall veggies clean and off the ground, away from pests and rot. More sun and heavier fruit. It looks much prettier and neater, too. Pole or runner beans are excellent climbers.

Duplicate the design for a larger garden using the same or different types of veggies. Use several raised beds in whatever design delights your eye. The design is beautiful as a kitchen garden at your back door and on your patio. You can put multiple beds with paths to walk between them, or line 'em up along your fence line. I use raised beds on legs along my white privacy fence to eliminate constant bending and kneeling. It eliminates my constant battle with rabbits. It also gives my fence a lot of character. Flower beds and potted trees are between them.

The raised beds come in lots of sizes for your landscaping needs. My favorites along fences and on my patio is 2x4 ft. each. There are large square and round fabric grow bags, too. I like to place a round fabric garden bed between 2 rectangles. These are ground-level and add something else that's beautiful to your borders. If using along a fence line, remember to allow enough space between the planters and the fence, so that you can reach and tend to the sides and back. You want to allow enough space in back

of the planter for the plant to grow to it's full width and diameter, or plant the smaller things front and back and the taller things in the middle. A nice size for these plants is 2x6 or 2x8 in a ground-level or elevated raised garden bed.

Feel free to switch out or eliminate plants and replace with other types with the same growth and production attributes. You can design it any way you like if you prefer a different design. I personalize by using plants i like better. I would grow one plum tomato , one dwarf patio tomato, and one cherry tomato plant instead of 3 of the same type. You can grow broccoli instead of broccolini and any type of kale or chard. I would grow a long frying pepper and a sweet/hot Peruvian Pearl Pepper plant for my salads. I'd grow butterhead lettuce or a constant supply of Mesclun Mix for frequent harvests. Lettuces and cool weather veggies like kale and broccoli can produce 2 crops... one in early spring and one in fall, before the freeze. Create a garden filled with what you eat. I sow lettuces for salad greens every 2 weeks for a constant crop. I just snip it for my salad when I make it. Plant your boxes in a way that makes it easiest for you to manage. Don't grow stuff you won't eat just because a plan tells you that you should.

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