

Vertical Veg Gardens



Not everyone has the space for large growing plots, but there are several ways of extending your growing area by using the walls of sheds, or any other vertical surface on your property. This project makes use of a left-over piece of trellis, some ends of decking and guttering, to make the most of a small area.

What you will need

- Tape measure and marking tools
- Saw
- Powered screwdriver and drill, together with self-tapping screws
- Guttering with supports and end closures
- Section of trellis
- Decking and some extra timber

Safety notes Always take care when using power tools and, as a precaution, have a first aid kit to hand. Work on a stable surface, in good light. Wear all personal protective equipment and suitable clothing. Construction can take place indoors, especially if the weather is inclement. If any injuries occur seek medical advice.



Using decking you can make a plant bed to go below the trellis. This will hold everything in place and also act as a planter for larger vegetables.





The guttering will hold plants and will need drainage holes, so that the plants don't drown. You can drill holes along the length of the guttering, but this will let dirty water fall onto the leaves of any plants below. Better to concentrate the drainage holes at one end and tilt the guttering so that water runs towards them. This will keep the bulk of your plants free from soiling.





You're now ready to plant up your vertical veg garden with all kinds of yummy veg.

General Safety Guidelines

FLAMES

When lighting fires, using naked flames or tools that can generate sparks, please ensure that there is adequate space in the surrounding area and that there are no dry or flammable surfaces nearby. Having water on hand or a sand bucket is a good safety precaution.

SOLVENTS

When using glues or other solvents, it is important to ensure that they do not come into contact with your skin or food surfaces and ensure that they are used in a well ventilated area as they can be toxic. Be sure that they have dried so that all solvents have evaporated before preparing food.

FOOD PREP

Please clean all surfaces thoroughly before serving food and ensure raw food preparation areas are not also used for cooked food serving and presenting.

TOOLS

When using power tools, please ensure that you have read the instructions carefully and that you have the correct Personal Protective Equipment to operate them safely. If you are not experienced at using them seek help or advice from those more experienced on how to use them safely.