

## How to Build a Raised Bed Garden (Concrete Block)

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### Materials:

1. 64 Standard 8 x 8 x 16 inch Concrete Blocks or Cinder Blocks.
2. 64 ½" reinforcing steel bars ("rebar"); 36 inches long.
3. Small sledge hammer (to drive rebar into place).
4. Gloves to protect your hands.
5. Newspaper to cover the bottom of the raised bed 6 pages thick, or weed fabric to cover the bottom of the raised bed frame.
6. Potting mix (2 cu ft bags) to fill the raised bed garden (or Orange County Compost – Free) in the amount of 86 cubic feet (43 bags).

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Directions:

1. On a level soil surface that receives at least 6 hours of sun daily, lay out the bricks as shown in the below template being sure to overlap joints so they do not line up between top and bottom rows:

Raised Beds (16" height) from Concrete Blocks (Rebar for strength)



2. At each block opening, with the sledge hammer, drive a 36" rebar into the ground as shown above until it is below the surface of the blocks.
3. Lay newspaper, 6 pages thick, or weed blocking fabric into the bottom of the raised bed frame, covering the soil and weeds completely.
4. Fill the raised bed frame with the potting mix or Orange County compost, watering as you fill to ensure that the potting mix/compost settles.
5. Add seeds or plants.

