

Give it a go with Dick & Angel



How to build a planter bed with Dick

First things first, here's a shopping list of everything you need to get.

Materials:




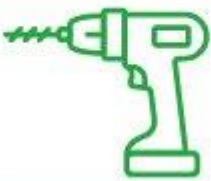
- [Value deck boards](#) (roughly 6" high & 1" thick) - the number of boards you need will depend on the size of your planter.
- [4 x 75mm Deck screws](#)





Tools:

- [Hand saw](#) (or check if your local Homebase store will cut the wood for you)
- [Triton Superjaws workbench](#)
- [Electric drill](#)
- [Screwdriver bit set and handle](#)
- [Tape measure](#)
- [Clamp](#)
- [Safety goggles](#)
- [Carpenters pencil](#)

Veg & herbs:

- [Seed and cutting compost](#)
- [Garden mint](#)
- [Tomato seeds](#)
- [Strawberry delician](#)
- [Salad mix bundle](#)
- [Watering can](#)
- [Chillington wheelbarrow](#)
- [Clear plant pots](#)
- [Bamboo canes](#)

<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 1</p> 	<p>Safety first</p> <p>Before you begin any DIY work, we recommend you read the DIY Safety Tips guide available on the Homebase website, along with your power and hand tool manuals to keep yourself protected while building your planter bed.</p> <p>Always reach out to a certified DIY expert if you're not sure about anything.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 2</p> 	<p>Measure</p> <p>Measure the lengths of wood with your tape measure. In my experience, it's best to measure twice and cut once to save on wasting any materials.</p> <p>Use your pencil to mark up where you will need to cut. I like to mark out three pencil points so I know it's going to cut a straight line – you can use the straight edge of your saw as a guide for this.</p> <p>Top tip: Make a quick scribble on the pieces of dead wood that you can throw away, so you don't mix the two up.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 3</p> 	<p>Cut</p> <p>Use a sharp saw to cut your wood to size as smoothly as possible. To cut an exact line, I carefully rest the knuckle of my index finger against the flat of my saw as a guide.</p> <p>Start at the edge of your piece of wood and cut by applying pressure onto the saw and drawing back.</p> <p>Once you're halfway through cutting, you can use your clamp (if you have one) to secure the wood and help achieve a smooth edge.</p> <p>You will need to repeat this process another three times to get the edges of your planter all cut to size.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STEP 4</p> 	<p>Drill</p> <p>Lay out your lengths of wood to form a rectangle shape. Once you're happy with it, you can start connecting the pieces together.</p> <p>Using your drill and matching drill bit, make three equal-distanced holes from the edge of every end length to stop the wood splitting when you put in the screws. These holes will hold the corners of the planter bed together.</p>

<p>STEP 5</p> 	<p>Secure</p> <p>Next, butt one end of each length up to the next with the drilled holes on the side – and screw those bits of wood together until you have your rectangular planter. Then it's simply a case of repeating the above process over again, until you have reached the desired height.</p> <p>If your planter is more than one level, you may need to secure it together using additional pieces of wood or stakes.</p>
<p>STEP 6</p> 	<p>Fill</p> <p>Now your planter is in place, it's time to fill it with compost to just below the top of your boards.</p>
<p>STEP 7</p> 	<p>Plant</p> <p>Finally, you're ready to plant – or the kids are if they're in need of something to do. To get the most out of your planter bed, it's best to grow ingredients the whole family can enjoy.</p>
<p>STEP 8</p> 	<p>Relax</p> <p>Lastly, put the kettle on and make yourself a cup of tea – you've earned it! But not before giving your new seeds and plants a drink as well.</p>