

Lasagna Style Raised Garden Beds

This style of raised bed is great for areas with poor or shallow soil. They are also effective in terms of retaining moisture, thus reducing water usage and frequency of watering.

Materials required:

- Recycled cardboard
- Leaves, grass cuttings, pine straw, or any combo
- Soil (manure, compost, top soil, or any combo)
- Recycled paper/newspaper* (*optional*)
- Water supply

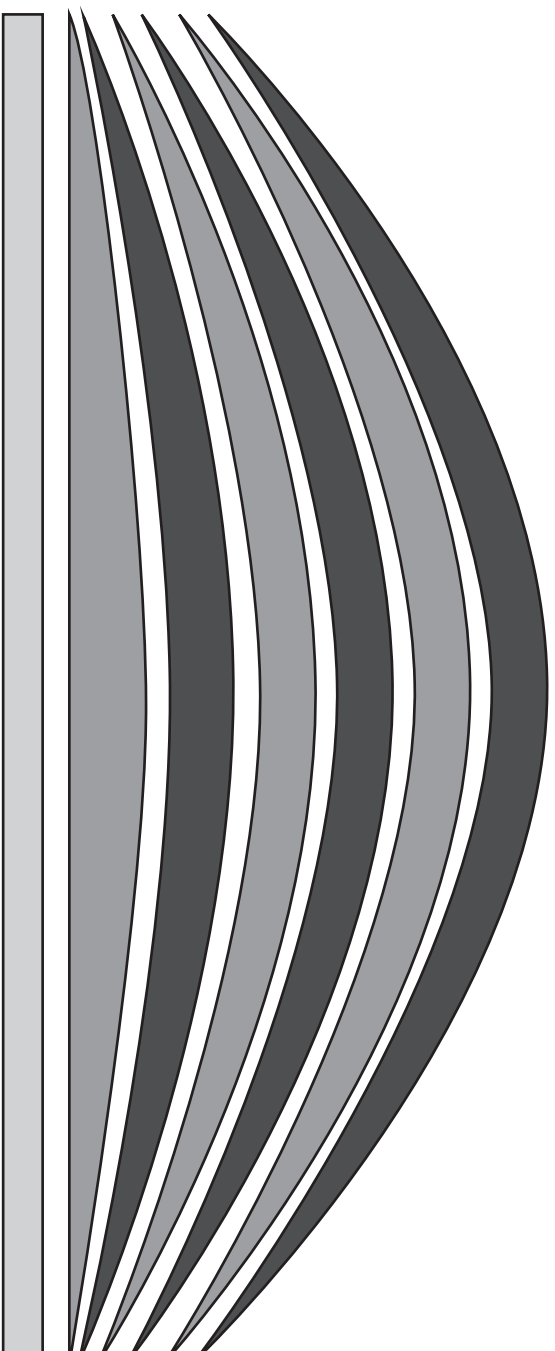
Instructions:

1. Choose the location and shape of bed. Arrange cardboard in chosen area. The base cardboard layer should be about 4 inches thick. Soak cardboard with water.
2. Add layer of soil on top of cardboard. Water. (All soil and leaf layers should be roughly 3-6 inches deep.)
3. Add layer of leaves. Water.
4. Repeat layers of leaves and soil at least 2 more times until bed is about knee height (roughly 2 ft). Layers will settle as you go.
5. Bed can be planted immediately. Or leaves/pine straw can be add on top to reduce erosion and retain moisture until ready to plant. Leaves/pine straw can also be used to create a border edge, which will help retain bed shape, further reduce erosion, and deter encroaching grass.

**Pieces of recycled cardboard or paper can be mixed into the leaf/pine straw layers. Recycled paper/newspaper can also be used to supplement the base cardboard layer.*

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[Good for areas with shallow or poor soil. Also useful for moisture retention/water conservation]



Wet each layer
before adding next.
Layer until the bed is
roughly 2 ft tall or
knee height.
Layers will settle
over time.



Soil: Any combination of manure, compost, and/or top soil.



Leaves: Any combination of leaves, hay, grass, and/or pine straw.



Cardboard: Creates a base layer and shape, as well as preventing weeds.

**Both leaf and cardboard layers can be supplemented with recycled paper/newspaper.*