

HOW TO CREATE A THREE-SEASON GARDEN BED

PROJECT GUIDE



A colorful garden is truly a spring delight. Here, you can learn how to build a low-maintenance garden bed that has the bonus of keeping its colors for three seasons.

DIFFICULTY: INTERMEDIATE

DURATION: 1 DAY

TOOLS

- Shovel or pick axe
- Garden hose or rope
- Powdered chalk or marking paint
- Hoe
- Garden wall blocks
- Wall caps

MATERIALS

- 10 to 12 bags premixed garden soil
- Paver base or leveling sand
- Plants and flowers (see Step 4 for suggestions)

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STEP 1

SELECT A LOCATION

First, pick a spot that gets lots of sun to help promote plant growth. Use a garden hose or rope to lay out the size and design of your garden bed. You can also choose to outline your design with powdered chalk or marking paint.

With a sharp shovel or pick axe, remove the top layer of turf in small, manageable sections. Relocate the cut turf to another part of your yard or flip it upside down for added compost material. Break up the soil beneath and remove any large rocks.



STEP 2

PLACE WALL BLOCKS

Using a flat-blade shovel or hoe, level and smooth the area where the garden wall blocks will go. Apply a 1-inch layer of leveling sand or paver base, and lay the first run of wall blocks. Stack the blocks to your desired height.



STEP 3

ADD SOIL

Now that the wall blocks are in place to define the space, add premixed garden soil to help your garden grow. Plants and flowers will naturally push up the soil as they grow, so you may want to add more soil to give additional height to your garden bed.

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STEP 4

ADD PLANTS OR SEEDS

We used the following plants to fill out our colorful Three-Season Garden Bed.

Tall yellow flowers: Daylilies

Tall orange flowers: Asiatic lilies

Purple flowers on left: Salvia

Red flowers: Roses

White flowers: Daisies

Pink flowers: Hydrangeas

Purple flowers on right: Phlox