

Raised Bed Soil Recipe Card

Two reliable raised bed mixes pre-calculated for three popular bed sizes.

Recipe 1 — The 60/30/10 Classic

Bed Size	Depth	Total	Topsoil	Compost	Amendment
4x4 ft	1 2 3	16 cu ft	9.6 cu ft	4.8 cu ft	1.6 cu ft
4x8 ft	1 2 3	32 cu ft	19.2 cu ft	9.6 cu ft	3.2 cu ft
4x12 ft	1 2 3	48 cu ft	28.8 cu ft	14.4 cu ft	4.8 cu ft

Recipe 2 — The 50/50 Simple Blend

Bed Size	Depth	Total	Topsoil	Compost
4x4 ft	1 0 3	13.3 cu ft	6.7 cu ft	6.7 cu ft
4x8 ft	1 0 3	26.7 cu ft	13.3 cu ft	13.3 cu ft
4x12 ft	1 0 3	40 cu ft	20 cu ft	20 cu ft

Quick Tips

- NEVER fill raised beds with only topsoil — too dense, drains poorly
- 60/30/10: topsoil + compost + perlite/vermiculite for drainage
- 50/50: simpler and cheaper but settles more — needs annual top-off
- 4x8 bed at 123 with 60/30/10 "H 20 bags topsoil + 10 bags compost + 1 bag perlite