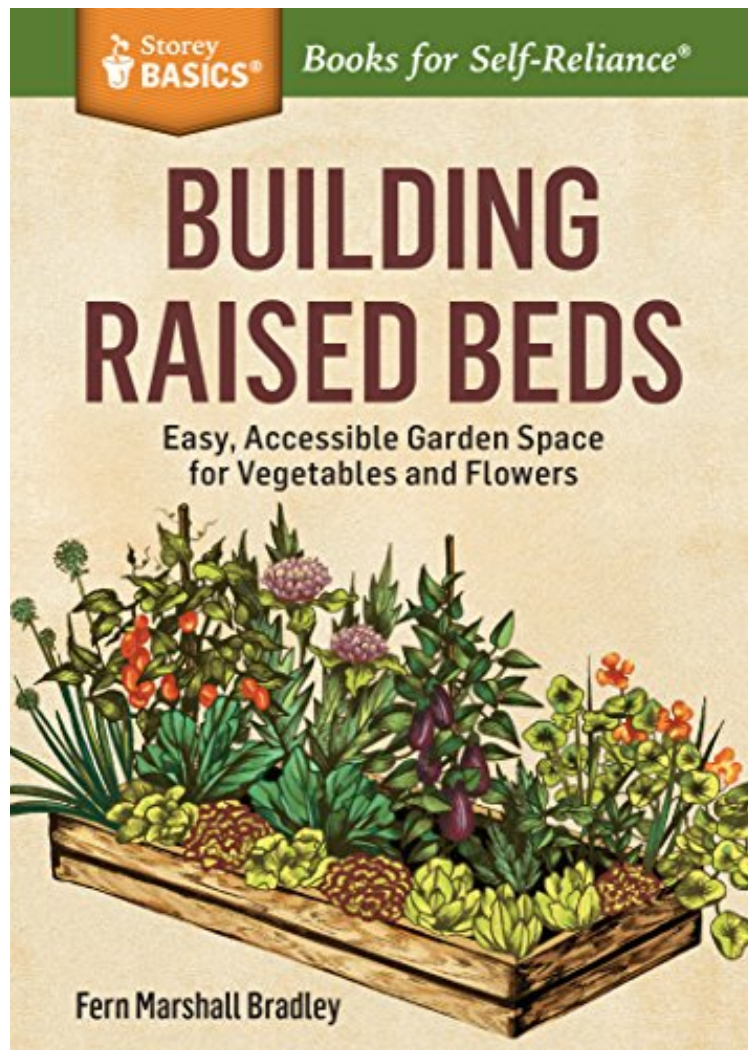


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy jonnie hammonIbformative.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Nice and ConciseBy TalviBuilding Raised Beds continues the Storey basics line of condensed, easy-to-follow instructions on a large variety of topics. All books in this line contain line drawings, a

smaller page count without all the filler but with all the information to successfully accomplish a task. In this book, garden beds (creation, building up or digging down, soil, sun, planting, care, etc.) are discussed with a simple raised bed instruction included. The book is divided into four chapters: One - Getting Started (Investigating sunlight and soil, dig down or build up?, dimensions and layout); Two - Building your beds (Digging down, Building up, Soil amendments, Pathways); Three - Planting and Tending (Planting how-to, Watering, Mulching and feeding, Dealing with weeds, pests, and diseases); Four - Accessorizing your bed (setting up a support system, installing a watering system, sending your garden into space, a sturdy vertical trellis, adding artistic touches. Resources and links, index. As can be seen from the above chapters, the emphasis is on what needs to be done before and then after building the raised bed. Instructions are only given for one rectangular bed, though images are shown for different shapes of beds. Although the title says "building", there's really more of an emphasis on everything else - from making pest control measures (fences, snail control, etc.) to watering options. The choice of building up or digging down into the soil is explained as well - explaining that arid areas will need a different type of bedding than wet areas. Note that this book is for those with a yard and not for apartment dwellers looking for options on their porches or balconies. But the topic is thoroughly covered - from beds built into a slope to compost and soil types. What the book lacks in breadth in order to be brief more than makes up in depth on the topic. Building a simple raised bed and everything needed to successfully create a flower or vegetable garden is included. In all, another great entry in the Storey Basics line of books. I have quite a few now, on a variety of topics from pickling to pruning, and all have been well done, consistent, and informative. Reviewed from an advance reader copy provided by the publisher. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Building Raised Beds would probably be a good starter book to use when creating a framed garden. By Kristine Fisher. Building Raised Beds by Fern Marshall Bradley is a free NetGalley ebook that I read during a sleepless morning in mid-November. I had originally planned to read this in tandem with the Indestructible Houseplant book I received from Goodreads, which is already a lofty goal and hobby for someone who lives in a rented apartment. Building Raised Beds would probably be a good starter book to use when creating a framed garden, but you would most likely need another two or three books devoted to soil conditioning, irrigation, seed preparation, and design planning to make up for where this book is lacking (i.e. when it somewhat drops narration about options for all other kinds of frames besides their recommendation of pine non-treated plywood, then cheerfully suggests that you do more research on your own).

For beginning gardeners and homeowners, this handbook shows you exactly how to plan, build, and plant a simple raised bed. Fully illustrated step-by-step instructions make it easy and ensure success! In just a weekend, using a few basic materials and minimal building skills, you can set up a complete garden bed adapted for vegetables, flowers, or herbs.

From the Back Cover Build the Perfect Home for Your Plants Frame your gardens beauty and bounty with raised beds that are manageably sized, easy to expand, and full of loose, rich soil for your flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Whether you make your beds with boards, logs, cinderblocks, or just piled-up soil, expert gardener Fern Marshall Bradley will lead you through the process. You'll learn the best ways to site, build, plant, and care for your beds; how to build a trellis; and even how to give your beds an artistic touch.