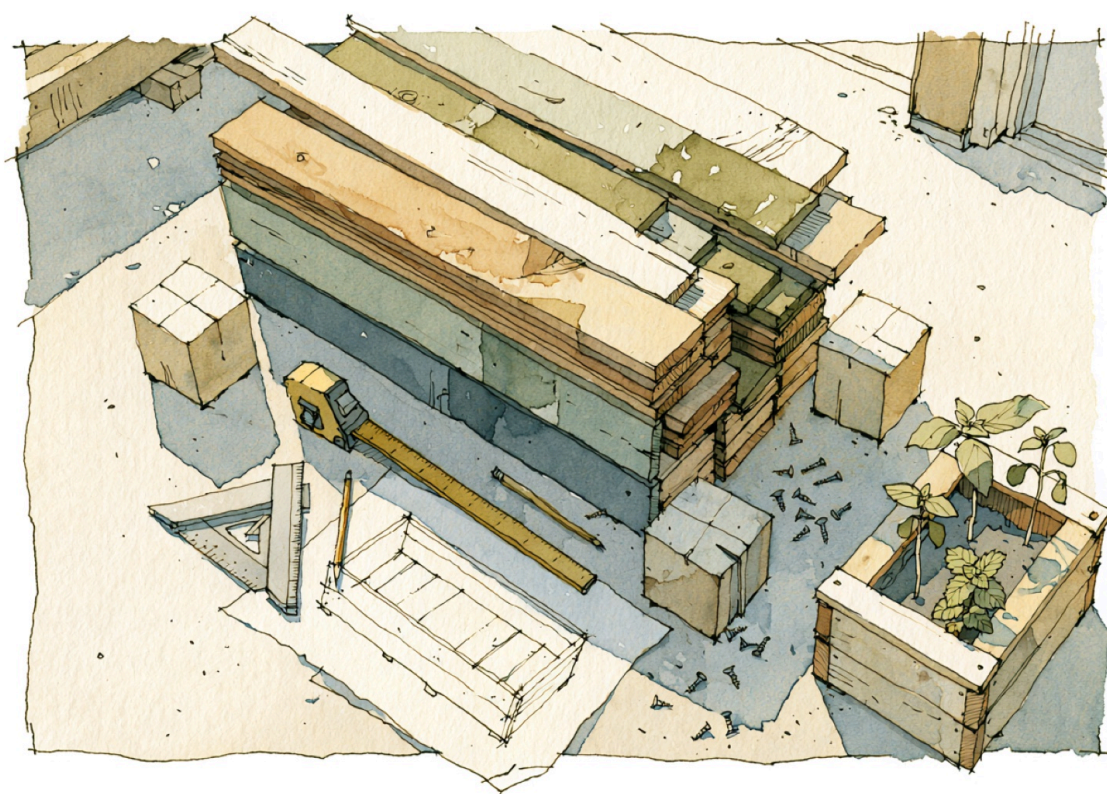


The Grow Box.

A build-along plan — measure, mark, build.

A simple cedar planter box you and a kid can build in a weekend. Everything you need is on these five pages — the drawings, the cut list, a page to sketch and size your own, and the steps to follow. Print one for every box you build.



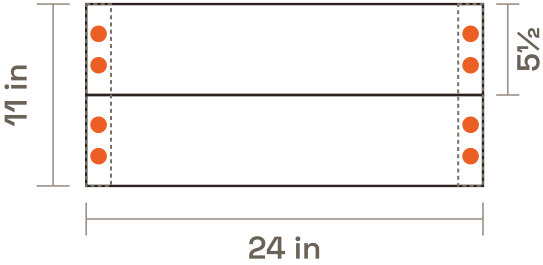
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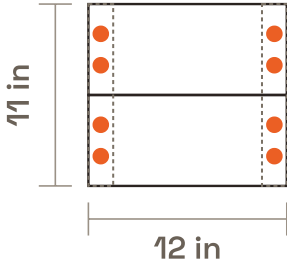
The whole box.

Built about 24 × 12 × 11 inches, from cedar fence boards.

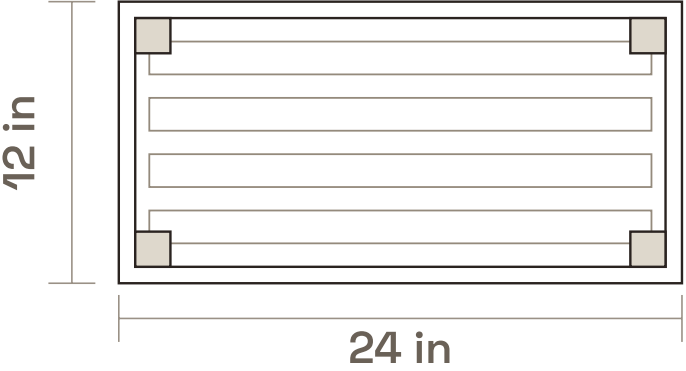
FRONT • THE LONG SIDE



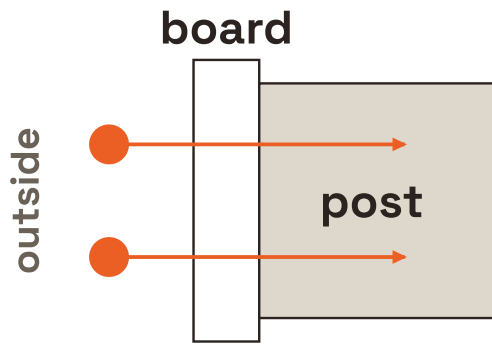
SIDE • THE SHORT END



FROM ABOVE • A POST IN EACH CORNER, BASE SLATS WITH GAPS



THE JOINT • SCREW THE BOARD INTO THE POST, FROM OUTSIDE



WHAT YOU NEED

Materials & cuts.

One box, from about five cedar fence boards.

MATERIALS

5 cedar fence boards	5½" × 6 ft
1 cedar 2×2	4 ft · posts
Exterior screws	1¼" · about 40
Potting soil + seedlings	
Saw · drill · tape · square	

CUT LIST · ONE BOX

4 long sides	24 in
4 short ends	11 in
4 corner posts	12 in
4 base slats	22 in

Every joint is the same: screw each board into the post from the outside — two screws per board at each end, so it can't pivot (three if your boards run wider than about 6"). That's about 40 screws for the whole box.

Nails are faster; **screws** hold better — pre-drill so the cedar won't split. Any square scrap makes a post: a 2×2, or an old fence post.

Two tricks that help: slip a coin between boards for an even gap, and eyeball it level as you go.

PREPARE

Plan your own.

Measure your space first. Sketch the box, then work out the cuts.

My box: L _____ in × W _____ in × H _____ in

QTY	PART	LENGTH
	Long sides	
	Short ends	
	Corner posts	
	Base slats	

PROCESS

The build.

Tick each one off as you go.

☐ **one**

Draw it first.

Size, boards, where the cuts go — before any wood is cut.

☐ **two**

The kid measures and marks.

Tape, pencil, square. Their job.

☐ **three**

A grown-up cuts the boards.

Keep the saw with an adult.

☐ **four**

Screw the boards to the posts.

A post in each corner; base with gaps so water drains.

☐ **five**

Paint it, then plant it.

Paint, names, handprints — then soil, seedlings, and water.

BEFORE YOU START • GATHER

☐ Cedar boards

☐ A 2×2 (or scrap post)

☐ ~40 screws (1¼")

☐ Soil + seedlings

☐ Saw

☐ Drill

☐ Tape measure

☐ Speed square

☐ Pencil

One weekend to build. A season to grow.