



## MAKE YOUR OWN VEGE GARDEN

**1. Get an idea.** Is this going to be a vegetable garden, a herb garden or a flower garden? You can have a combination of all of these, but it's a good idea to start small and see what works best for you!

**2. Choose the spot.** It's really important that the spot you choose for your garden gets about six hours of full sun each day. This is best for both vegetables and flowers. It's also a good idea for the garden to be somewhere you can see it all the time, so that you don't forget to water it or so you can see when your vegetables are ready to be picked!

**3. Create your garden bed.** If you are creating a bed straight into the ground, you will need to dig up the grass that is in the spot. To help with weeds it's a good idea to put down some layers of newspaper or weed mat first before you put new soil down. It's important to use really good quality soil, perhaps with a vegetable growing mix in with it. If your garden bed is up off the ground, great! You will still need to make sure you use really good soil so that you don't get any weeds growing through though.



**4. Plant your veges and flowers!** Check out our seasonal planting guides for what is best to plant in which month and go and have a wander around at your local nursery or hardware store. Have a look at the tickets on the plants that you want to buy and make sure they are suitable for your garden – the tickets will tell you how long it will be until you can harvest your veges too.