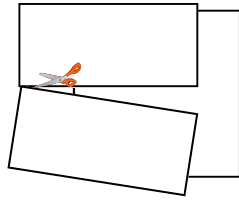


# Building a Burlap Raised Bed

Tubes of Burlap are stuffed with hay, arranged in a circle and filled with soil to create an inexpensive raised planting bed.

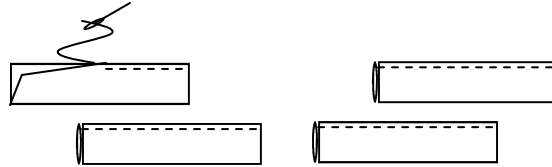
What you need: 2- 7 foot x 7 foot squares of landscape burlap, heavy duty Jute twine, hay for stuffing, home made needle

Cut the burlap squares in half to form 2 pieces about 3.5' wide by 7' long.

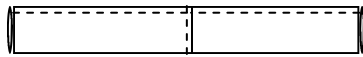


Fold each piece in half again length-wise and stitch the edges together using a loose running stitch.

Stop and tie a knot with the needle and twine about every 6-8" to avoid some future unraveling.



Before stitching, fold each bare edge twice over onto itself to avoid fraying.



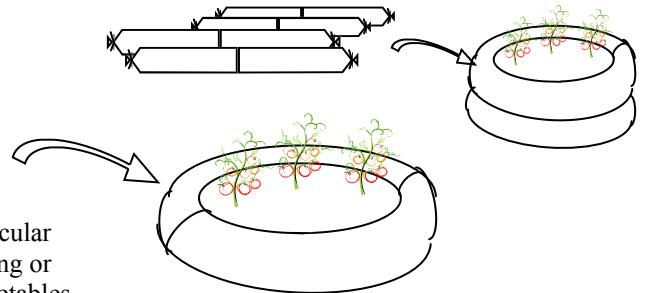
Stuff with hay and tie of the ends like a sausage.



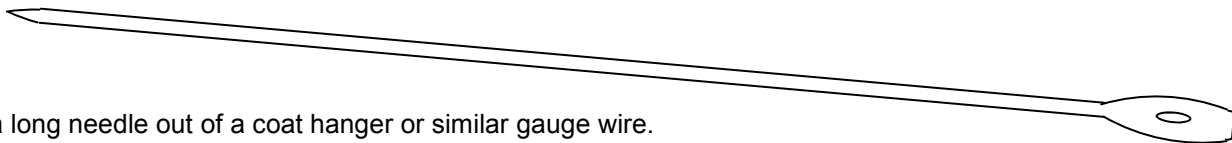
Use 4 of the tubes to double the height and increase yield.



2 sausage-like tubes tie together for one circular raised bed.. Fill with premium garden potting or planting mix and proceed to plant with vegetables



Fashion a long needle out of a coat hanger or similar gauge wire.



Take a piece of wire about 7" long and pound the end of it flat with a hammer on an anvil (or use a second hammer as an anvil) Pound the last 1" of the needle flat till it is stretched out to about 5/8" wide. Carefully drill a 1/16" hole in the center of the flat end and then wiggle the drill bit in the hole to enlarge and round it out inside. Slightly sharpen the point by rubbing over concrete. Use a bit of sand paper to smooth around the flattened edges and around the hole.

