

Quick Guide: How to Make a Pallet Garden

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1. You'll need two bags of a good compost, 2 bags of Perlite (water first to swell the material), a Pallet in good condition, preferably slatted on both sides, a stapler, weed suppressing membrane and a Stanley knife (or scissors).



2. This Pallet has been stained dark green before use with Cuprinol Garden Shades 'Holly'. Don't grow edible plants in stained or pressure treated Pallets. If it is not slatted on both sides – don't worry, see step 4 below.



3. Staple the membrane neatly to the back and sides of the Pallet, employing a folded seam on the edges facing the front.



4. Add further slats to the back of the Pallet, over the membrane, if you have a single slatted side Pallet. You could also reinforce the bottom with another slat.



5. Mix the Perlite and compost together. Lay the Pallet flat and fill from the front with the mix. Leave enough room for planting, behind the slats.



6. Place the Pallet in a more upright position and continue to plant up. It's best to do this before it gets too heavy. Here, I am planting tender annuals, 2 – 3 in each slot.



7. Lean the pallet securely against a wall or keep upright with stakes. Ensure that it is also positioned safely and won't topple. **WARNING:** Be very careful as the Pallet Garden will be very heavy when planted up. Do not attempt to move it without obtaining help. If in any doubt, use a smaller Pallet and use a mix containing Polystyrene pieces.



8. The Pallet Garden is very versatile and can be used as a screen between areas of the garden, to disguise a compost bin or as a focal point at the end of a path or patio. Water generously from the top and inside each row of slats. Over time, the soil mix should bind well inside the Pallet.