

Urban Farming - Lesson 10 Building Your Garden Beds



#### Advantages of raised beds

- Good drainage
- Comfortable working height
- Weed repellant





## Hugelkultur

Bottom layer is waste wood logs, covered by straw, covered by compost and topsoil.

Keeps plants moist, warm and nourished.





## Wood

## **Advantages**

Nice to look at

#### **Disadvantages**

Breaks down over time





## Cement

#### **Advantages**

Resists over time

#### **Disadvantages**

Not carbon friendly

Not great to look at





## Metal

#### **Advantages**

Resists over time

## **Disadvantages**

Not carbon friendly

Can heat up





## Recycled plastic

#### **Advantages**

Easy to assemble

Nice to look at

#### **Disadvantages**

Gives off plastic in the soil over time?





## Rocks

## **Advantages**

Fully natural

Nice to look at

#### **Disadvantages**

Not easy to assemble





## Stones and mesh

## **Advantages**

Easy to build

Durable

#### **Disadvantages**

Fence not great to look at





## **Pallets**

#### **Advantages**

Easy to build

Nice to look at

#### **Disadvantages**

Breaks down over time





## Poles and fence

#### **Advantages**

Easy to build

Durable

Allows soil to breath

Almost invisible





# Our top picks







The next lesson explains how to build your balcony pots from crates..

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