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Urban Farming - Lesson 11 Building Balcony Beds

Find stackable milk crates

The ones you find may look a little different to this European one and that is okay

<https://www.amazon.com/Black-Heavy-Rectangular-Stackable-Crates/dp/B005D51BOQ>



Other materials

You will also need landscaping fabric - not the shiny plastic type but the one that looks and feels like paper fabric - and a good quality two sided tape



Cut fabric

Fit the fabric around the crate so that it fills the inside and touches the floor on the outside. Cut away excess fabric (take measurement for future boxes)



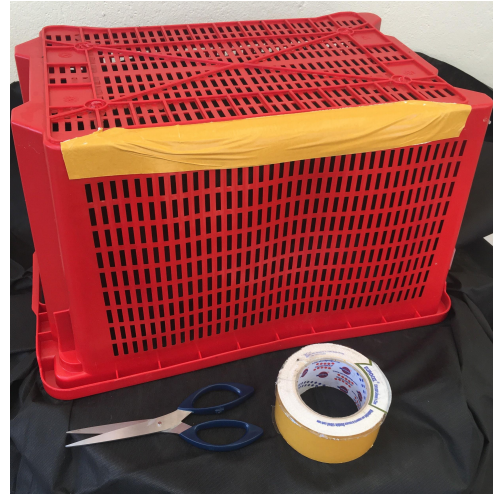
Smooth long ends

Smooth the fabric on the two long ends so it ruffles on the short ends of the crate.

Check that the fabric is centered in the crate so excess fabric hangs of equal length on all sides.



Stick fabric to the long sides of the crate



Cut a strip of 2 sided tape, stick to the crate and then stick the edge of the fabric to the side of the crate

Close the short ends

Take the long points of the fabric and knot them low down on the crate. Tuck in the edges.

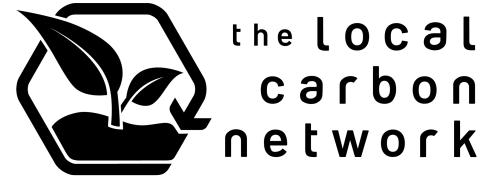


Planters and compost storage

You can fill the bottom crates with compost that is curing and have the top crates at a comfortable height for tending your balcony veggies.

When you have harvested you cut up and mix the organic matter in the soil, add a little fresh compost and switch the crates around until the next season!





The next lesson explains the basics of irrigation...

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