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Raised beds are a popular option for gardening but there are factors that need to be put in consideration when making raised beds.

Before making a raised bed, choose your location carefully i.e., choose an area in your yard that receives between 6 to 8 hours of sunlight daily. The area should be nice and level, with good drainage and easy accessibility to water. Maximize the available space for your raised beds and in that; ensure that the bed is not wider than 4 feet wide and beds that are up against walls should be 2 feet or less. This allows you to reach the middle of the bed from either sides without stepping in the beds. The beds can be as long as possible.

## Other considerations

Ensure that there is enough space between beds to allow access of wheel barrows and also enable the plants to grow well. A spacing of between 2 to 3 feet between beds is recommended.

You can add vertical elements to your garden but ensure that this adds extra space and not shade the plants.

Understand the different types and shapes of wood that you need to use for your beds. In case you choose to use wood, hard wood beds last longer than soft wood beds.

Saw your beds correctly ensuring that your spacing is good. Also install a watering system for example drip lines.

Make a plan of what you want to plant and plant the crops that grow upwards near a trellis.