

Pallet Beds



how to



dismantling

Dismantling pallets can be done with one of these suckers if you're doing loads and have the budget.

[Roughneck](#)

Or, it can be done with a hammer and crowbar.

Once you've dismantled your pallets, take care to remove all nails that are left in the wood.

This can be done by hammering them on the reverse side and then...





...levering them out with the backside of your hammer or a crowbar, if they're particularly stubborn.

Remember to not leave any rusty nails lying about for anyone or anything to step on!

assembly

Select the first lengths of wood you want to build with and lay them out.

It helps to do all your remaining work on top of a relatively level surface, like other sturdier bits of wood from the pallet.





Measure your heights, making sure that the sides of your beds will be level.

In some cases this will mean separating the wood lengths slightly to accommodate.

Worry not! Your bed will eventually be lined, and your compost will not spill through these gaps.





You'll now need to locate or cut down wood for the ends.

We'll show you what they're for on the next pages...

Hold the wood in place and drill pilot holes. This will help prevent the wood from splitting when you drive your screws through finally.

This can be done with any drill bit, as long as it is thinner in diameter than the screws you're working with.

Yikes! Pardon the boots! Looks like they need cleaned again!





This is what it will look like once the holes are drilled.

If you wanna get fancy, use a countersinking drill bit so that your wee screw heads dinnae stick out.

[Countersink Drill Bit](#)

Now get yer screws fired in!





Rinse & Repeat

Do the same for all four sides.



Measure again to make sure these sides match the first sides in height.

Next up, chose the wood that will make your other two sides.



This step might be easier with a second set of hands.

Whilst holding your 2nd sets of wood up to your first at right angles...



...drill pilot holes and then screw them into place one by one.

Conveniently, the feet from your pallet can make nice feet for your bed!
So, after you've secured the four sides, maybe consider adding a set.

Lifting your bed up off the ground means whatever you grow will have
really good drainage.





Before you go bananas with the drills again, lay out some ribbing. When doing this, remember your bed is currently upside down and when right side up, the weight of the compost will need to be supported.



Right! Enough faffing! Get the screws in!

Remember to pre-drill yer holes. Even tho this photo doesn't show it, it's mega important especially when driving a screw into a thin bit of wood.

!! Ta — Da !!



False alarm. You're no done yet!

If you can find some old sheet material, chuck some of that in the bottom. This will help prevent your bed liner from pushing through the gaps at the bottoms.



OK, time to switch tools. Get yer staple gun out and line the bed with some of this...

[Garden Bed Liner](#)

Better yet! If you still have the bag your compost came in, you can use that and no spend any more £'s!

Once that's done, get some compost in there, and Bob's your uncle.



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Real!



Tools You'll Need

Roughneck or Crow bar

Hammer

Hand Saw

Measuring Tape

Drill/s
(does help to have two)

Drill bits
(make sure they match yer screws)

Countersink Drill Bit
(fer fancy pants only)

Screws
(no too long or else they'll stick
out, and no too short or else
they won't work)

Stanley Knife/Scissors

Staple Gun
(don't forget to load it)

1 or 2 Lengths of Scrap Wood
(preferably thicker than pallet wood)

Two Pallets
(untreated/unpainted)

Garden Bed Liner

Some Sheet Material
(The longer its been out in the rain
the better!)

Compost

Materials
you'll need

The End

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