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Splash Color Across Your Garden!

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This is about the easiest way to build a raised bed that you can find. You don't need any tools, just lumber cut to size. Each corner brace is made of recycled steel and is 13 inches tall and 11 inches wide. The braces can hold four 2x4 pieces of lumber up to 12 feet long. To build the bed, just slip each board between the inner brace and the outer decorative one. Then fill it with soil and you're ready to plant!

There are eight designs, including the squiggle at left and the swirl at right, so your new raised bed can be stylish, as well as functional.

Bottom line A set of these braces makes putting together a raised bed a snap.

Source Art of the Garden at www.artofthegarden.net or 530-662-2224

Price \$165 for a set of four, plus \$25 shipping



Art of the Garden also sells plant labels made of the cut-out steel pieces. A set of six is \$12. Use a permanent marker for writing, then spray with a sealant, such as Permalac, so they won't rust.