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M Brace Raised Bed Planter



You can easily make this attractive planter without power tools. All you need are the M Brace corner brackets. Simply drop the lumber into them and add the mitered top cap.

It would be easy to convert this into a [sub-irrigated planter \(SIP\) bed or box](#). Add a layer of sand at the bottom and level it. This would act as a leveler and cushion for a sheet plastic liner.

Use a very simple method to create the water reservoir, fill

pipe and soil wicks. Look [here](#) (indoor SIP) and [here](#) (indoor or outdoor SIP)

Inverted nursery flats would work best for the larger area of a raised bed or planter box. **Note:** Be sure to wash the recycled nursery flats in a diluted solution of Clorox (10%) and water (90%).

I have seen other raised bed corner brackets but these are the most decorative I've seen. If you have the budget for them they transform an ordinary planter box into an upmarket product.

At the present time they are only available in a number of West coast garden centers. I hope that this idea catches on and they become available across the country. Check out their website for other cut-out designs in the braces.

It would definitely enhance the concept if people knew the planter boxes/beds could be sub-irrigated. It is a perfect companion idea to the [Mel Bartholomew square foot gardening](#) concept.

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