

# Garden in a flash

Spring means planting time. These ingenious shortcuts let you save time and money—and get straight to the good stuff



## 1 | Instant raised bed

The genius of the M Brace—four corner brackets into which you slide 2-by-4s—is that it allows even the tool-less to make a sturdy raised bed in about 10 minutes. \$165 per set; [artofthegarden.net](http://artofthegarden.net)

**WHO IT'S FOR** Gardeners with tricky soil and limited space (the brackets anchor beds of from 2 to 12 feet per side).



## 2 | Balcony box

Small-space gardening just got better with the assemble-in-minutes MinifarmBox. Its notch-and-pin design is pretty too, almost like furniture.

The rolling patio model (pictured) is easy to move with the sun. \$159 for 4-by-4 basic box; \$259 for 2-by-4 patio box; [minifarmbox.com](http://minifarmbox.com)

**WHO IT'S FOR** Beginner gardeners as well as deck, patio, and balcony gardeners.



## 3 | DIY dream garden

Aloe Designs in Vancouver, B.C., offers landscaping services to gardeners who know what they want, but need some design handholding. After a phone consult, clients get a kit with detailed concept plans and blueprints, plant and hardscape lists, and local resources. From \$750 U.S.; [aloedesigns.com](http://aloedesigns.com)

**WHO IT'S FOR** Experienced gardeners with a vision.