

# 8'x12' Garden in a Box and

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# 8'x16' Garden in a Box **Assembly Manual**

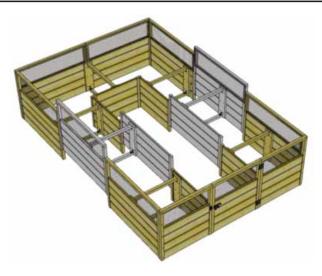
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# **IMPORTANT**

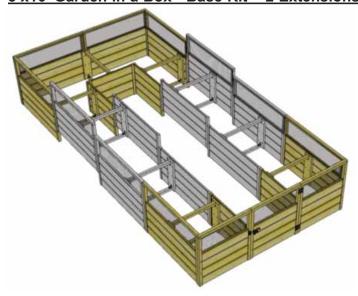
If you purchased an 8'x12' Garden in a Box go to Page 2 for Assembly Manual.

If you purchased an 8'x16' Garden in a Box go to Page 16 for Assembly Manual.

8'x12' Garden in a Box - Base Kit + 1 Extension



8'x16' Garden in a Box - Base Kit + 2 Extensions



If you ordered an 8'x12' Garden in a Box, you will receive 1 - 4ft Extension Box. If you ordered an 8'x16' Garden in a Box, you will receive 2 - 4ft Extension Boxes.

The Base Kit (8'x8') is contained in Boxes 1 - 3.

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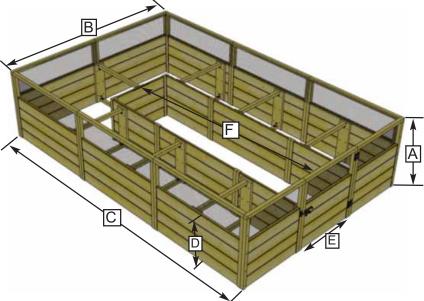
# Safety Points and Other Considerations

Please follow this instruction manual when assembling your Garden in a Box and retain the manual for future maintenance purposes.

Please use Safety Eyewear and Gloves while Assembling. Be sure to read and follow all operating instructions for any tools used during assembly.

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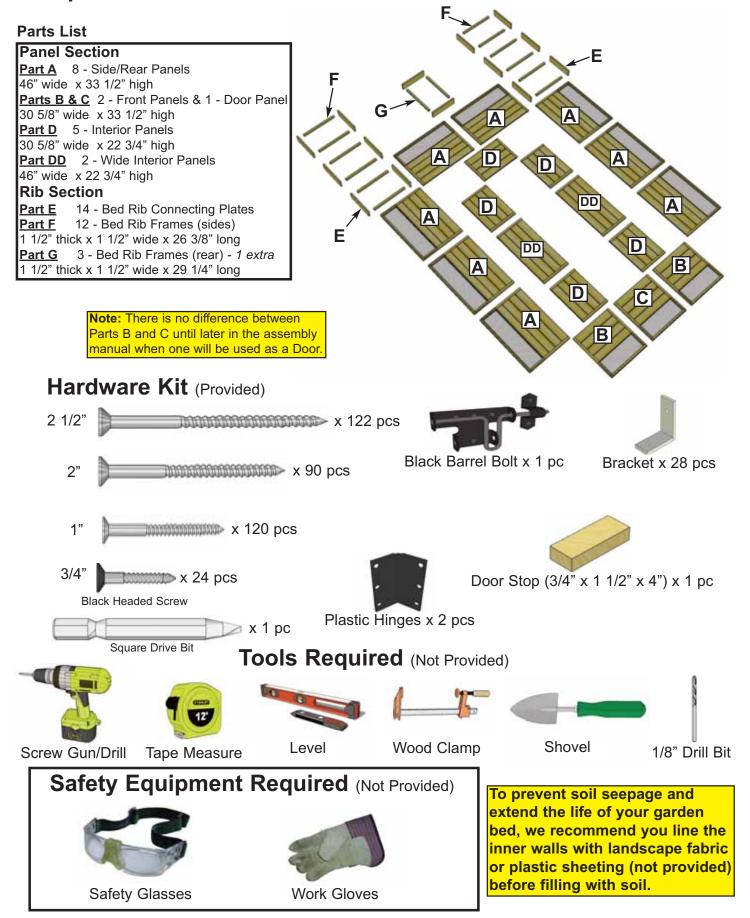
## Garden in a Box Dimensions:

- A: Height = 33 1/2"
- B: Outside Width = 92"
- C: Outside Depth = 141"
- D: Height to Bottom of Screen = 21 1/2"
- E: Door Width = 30 5/8"
- F: Length of Inner Panel Sections = 107 1/4"

Estimated Assembly Time for the Garden in a Box = 5 Hours.

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# **Exploded View and Parts List for 8'x12' Garden in a Box**



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- slope of the land
- light blocking trees and high buildings.

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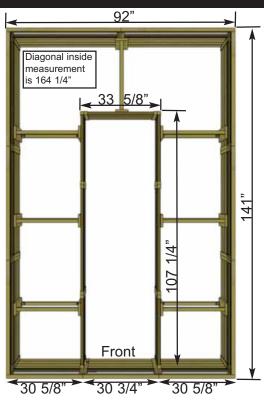
Ensure you have easy access to it.

Place your Garden on a level piece of land with good drainage. Take into account existing paths and utilities such as electricity and water.

Having a water supply at hand avoids carrying heavy watering cans from the tap to the garden bed.

## **Preparing the Ground for a Garden Setting**

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Lay down a sand perimeter base for the Garden frames to sit on if possible. Sand offers excellent drainage and will make it easier to level bed frames.

The Garden can also be located on almost any flat surface - sand, pebbles/gravel, concrete or asphalt. Preparing the soil and the sand base beneath the Garden will not be necessary. Twenty inches of soil should be plenty for most types of vegetables and flowers. Please check growing instructions for root depths prior to planting.

### Adding a Liner

Consider lining the Garden with landscape fabric (not included) to prevent soil from seeping out. Liners also provide insulation for the soil and helps control temperature fluctuations. In addition, liners separate weeds from seeds and can drive away pests like gophers and moles that can damage your plants.

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#### Once the Garden is Assembled - Add Soil

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### **Arranging and Planting Crops**

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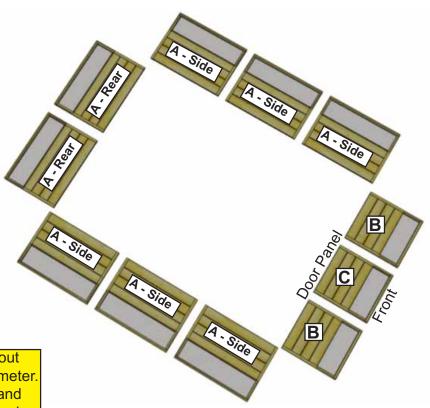
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8 - Side and Rear Wall Panels (Part A - 46" w x 33 1/2" h). 2 - Front Panels

(Part B - 30 5/8" w x 33 1/2" h)

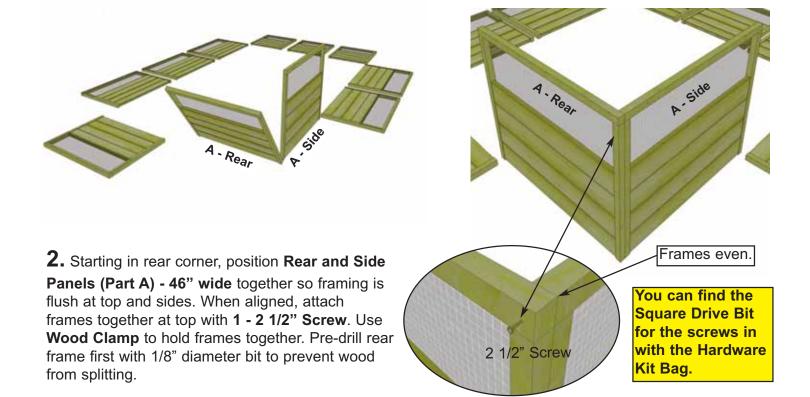
1 Door Panel

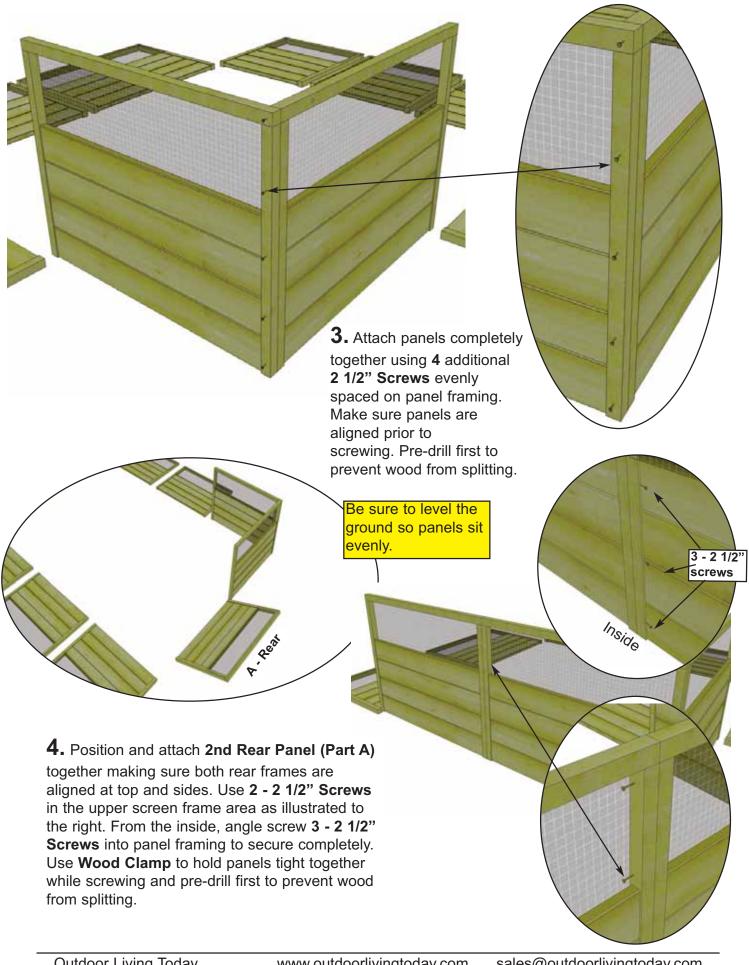
(Part C - 30 5/8" w x 33 1/2" h)

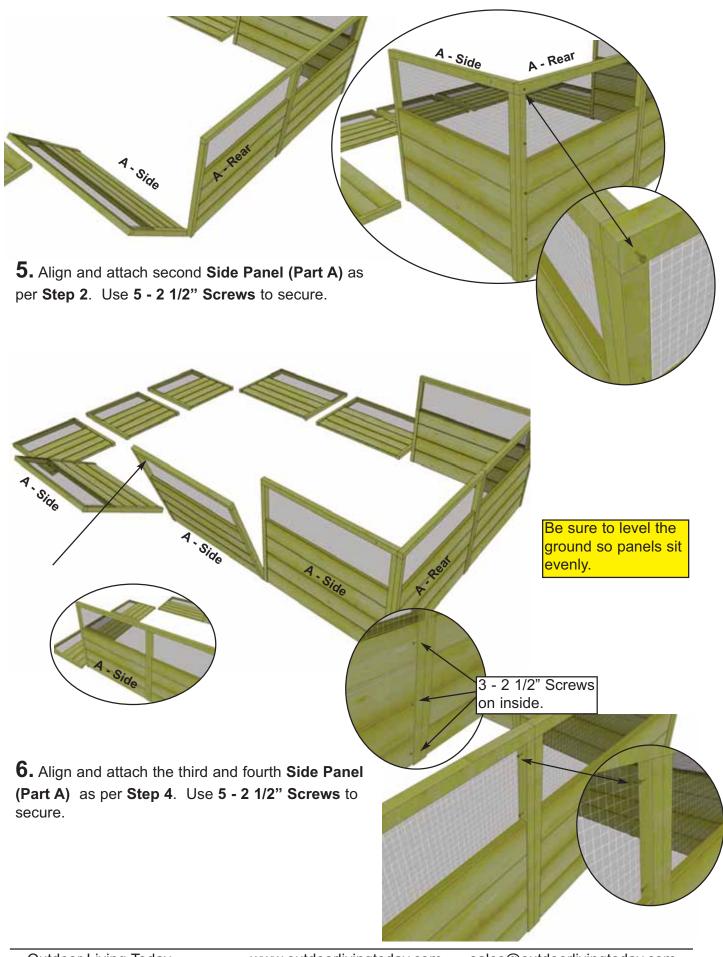


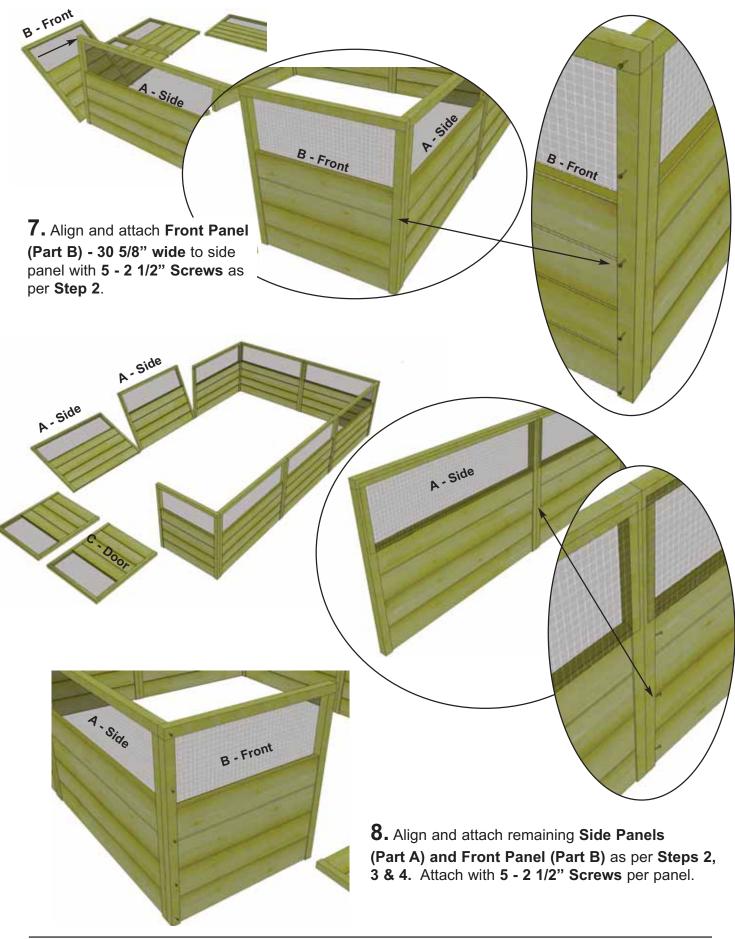
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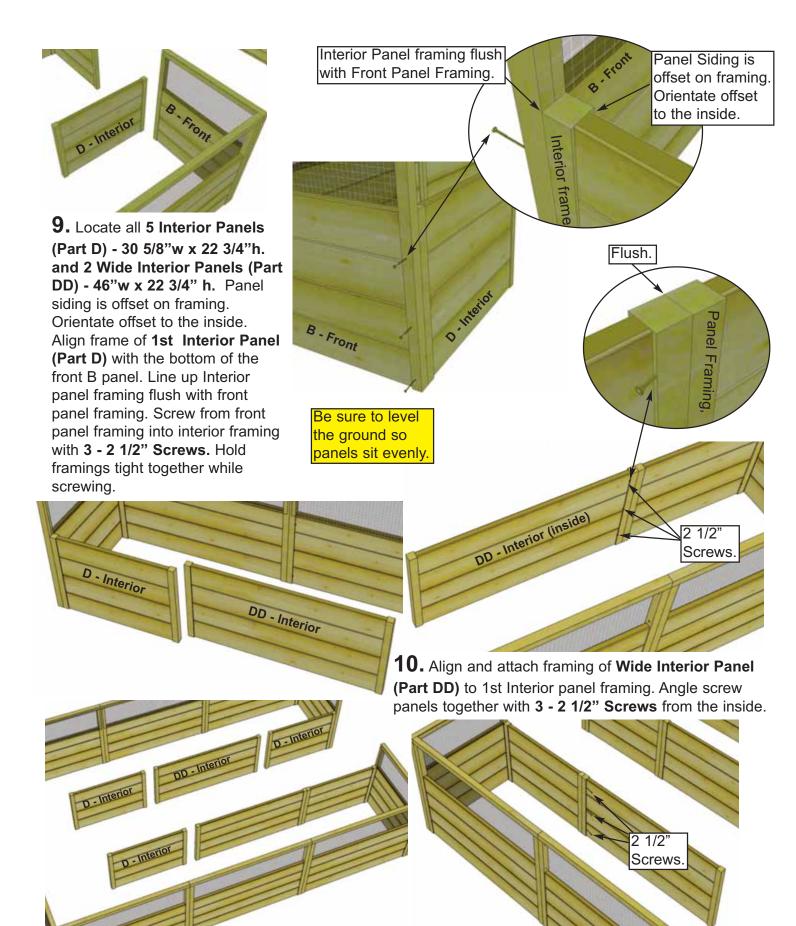
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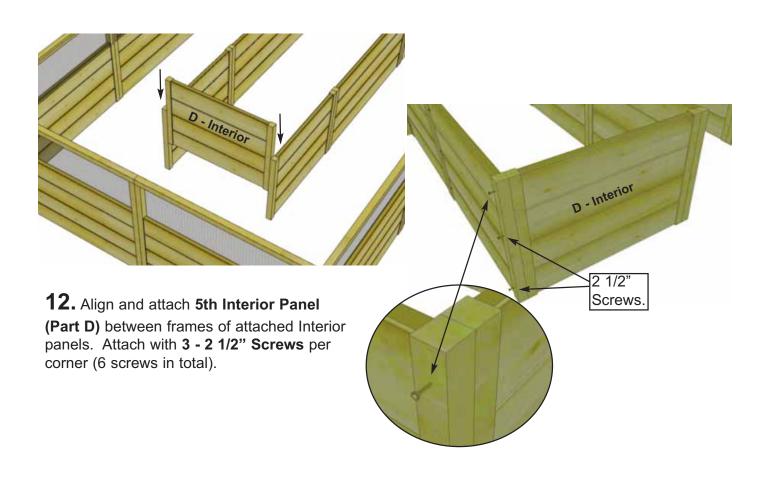


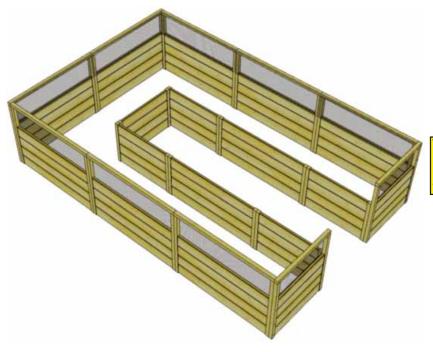




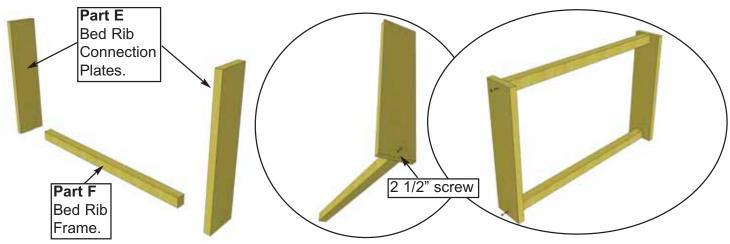


11. Align and attach framing of 3 - Interior Panels (Part D) and 1 - Wide Interior Panel (Part DD) as per Steps 9 & 10. Angle screw panels together with 3 - 2 1/2" Screws from the inside.

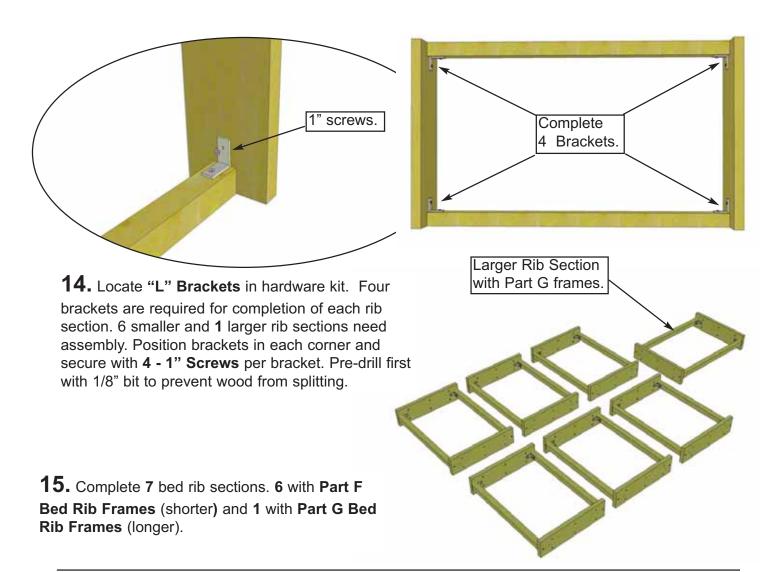


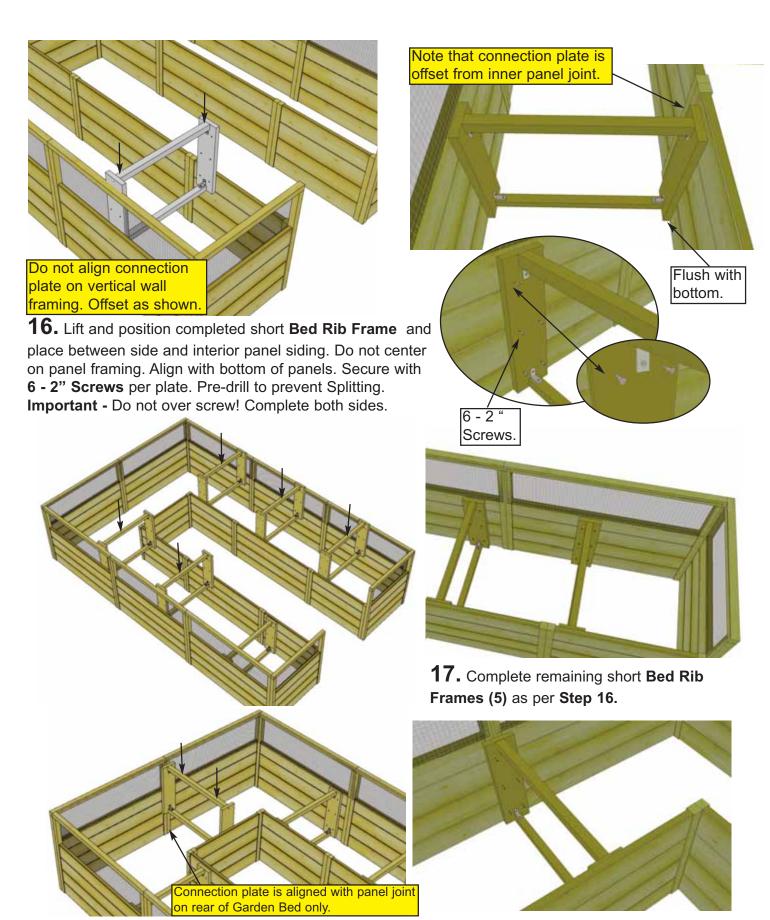


Wall construction is now complete. Do not add soil until structural ribs are installed in **Steps 13 - 18**.

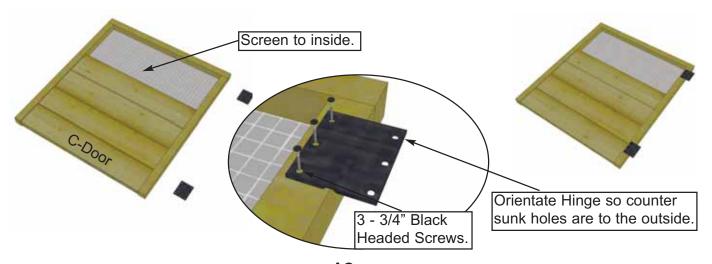


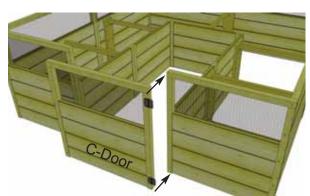
13. To complete rib assembly, locate all 14 Bed Rib Connection Plates (Part E), 12 Bed Rib Frames (Parts F) - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 26 3/8" and 2 longer Bed Rib Frames (Part G) - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 29 1/4". On a level flat surface, screw connection plate and frame together with 1 - 2 1/2" Screw per end. Align so plate and frame are flush at bottom. Complete both sides.





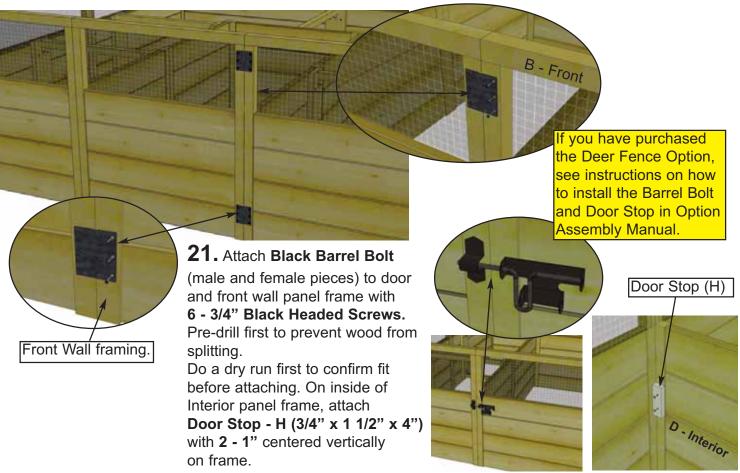
**18.** Lift and center completed longer **Bed Rib Frame** on rear and end interior panels. Align with bottom of panels. Secure with **6 - 2" Screws** per plate. **Important -** Do not over screw!

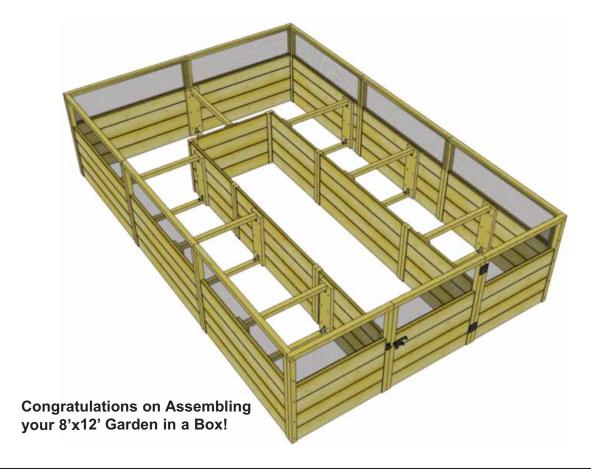




**19.** Locate **Door Panel (Part C) - 30 5/8" w x 33 1/2" h)** and position on flat surface screen down. Attach both hinges to door panel with **3 - 3/4" Black Headed Screws** per hinge. Space hinges evenly on door frame. Pre-drill shallow hole first to prevent wood from splitting.

**20.** Attach Door to front wall framing with **3 - 3/4**" **Black Headed Screws** per hinge. Pre-drill shallow hole first to prevent wood from splitting.





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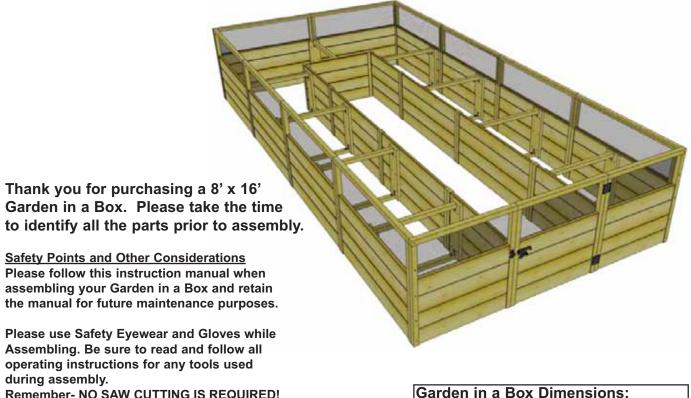
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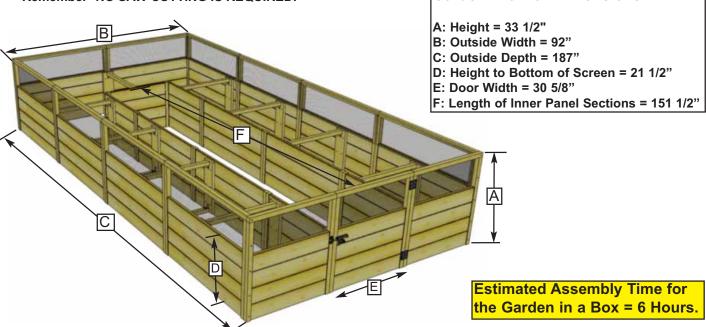


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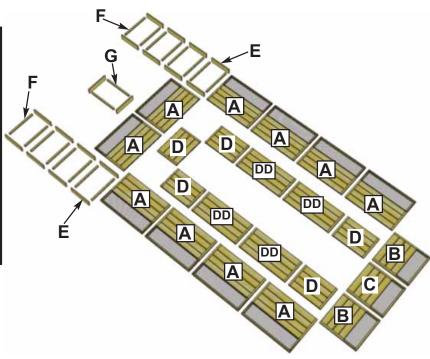
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## **Parts List Panel Section** Part A 10 - Side/Rear Panels 46" wide x 33 1/2" high Parts B & C 2 - Front Panels & 1 - Door Panel 30 5/8" wide x 33 1/2" high Part D 5 - Interior Panels 30 5/8" wide x 22 3/4" high Part DD 4 - Wide Interior Panels 46" wide x 22 3/4" high **Rib Section** Part E 18 - Bed Rib Connecting Plates **Part F** 16 - Bed Rib Frames (sides) 1 1/2" thick x 1 1/2" wide x 26 3/8" long Part G 3 - Bed Rib Frames (rear) - 1 extra 1 1/2" thick x 1 1/2" wide x 29 1/4" long Note: There is no difference between Parts B and C until later in the assembly manual when one will be used as a Door.



# Hardware Kit (Provided)









To prevent soil seepage and extend the life of your garden bed, we recommend you line the inner walls with landscape fabric or plastic sheeting (not provided) before filling with soil.

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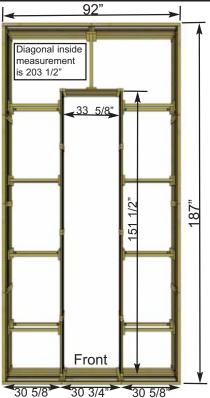
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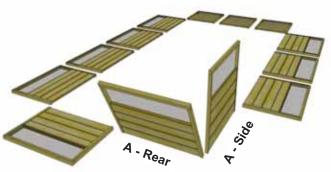
1 - Door Panel

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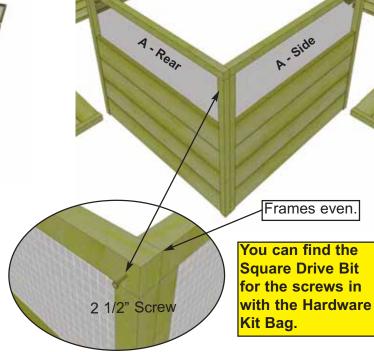
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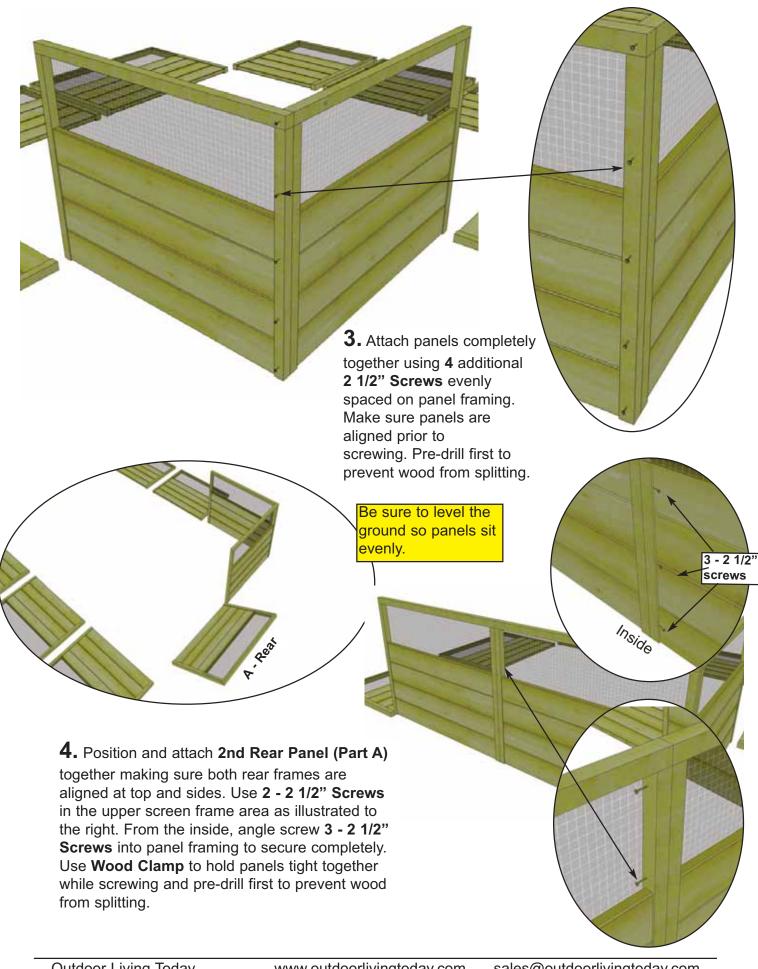
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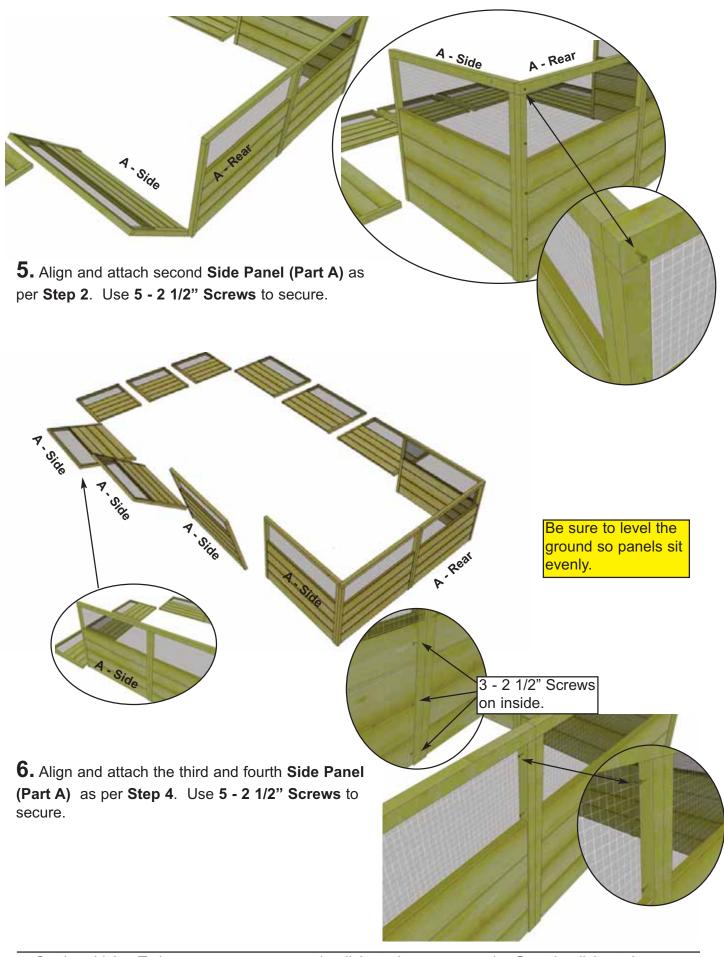
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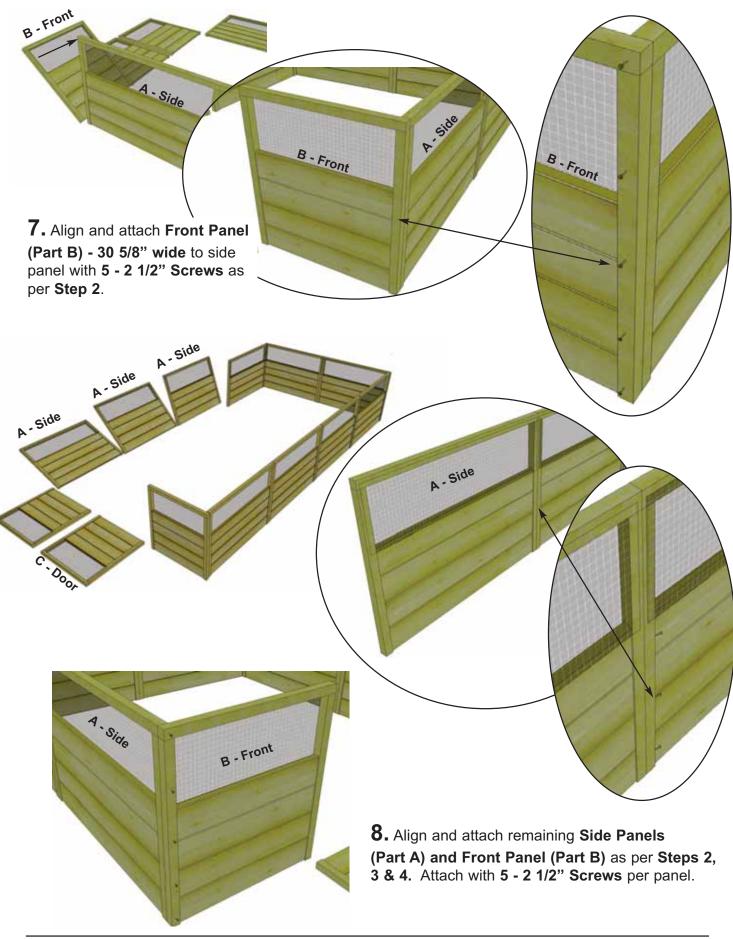


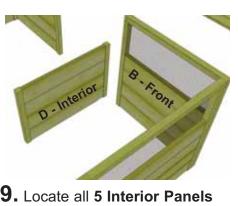
2. Starting in rear corner, position Rear and Side Panels (Part A) - 46" wide together so framing is flush at top and sides. When aligned, attach frames together at top with 1 - 2 1/2" Screw. Use Wood Clamp to hold frames together. Pre-drill rear frame first with 1/8" diameter bit to prevent wood from splitting.









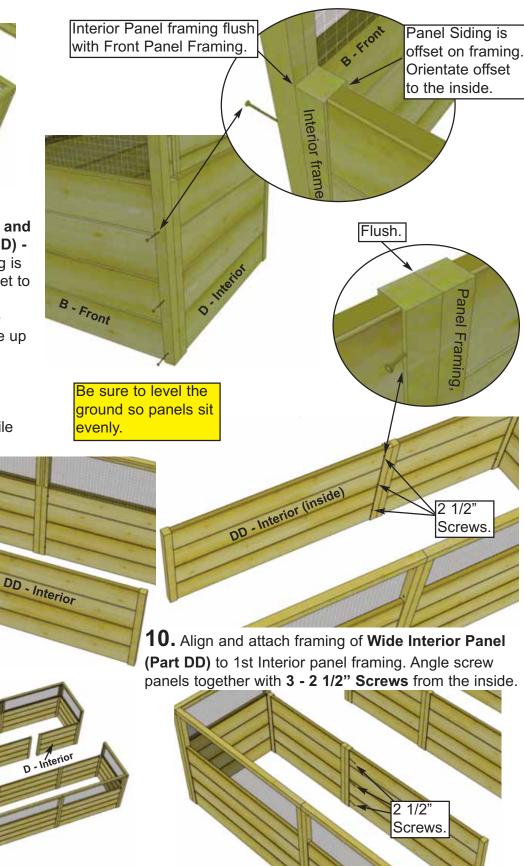


9. Locate all 5 Interior Panels
(Part D) - 30 5/8"w x 22 3/4"h. and
4 Wide Interior Panels (Part DD) 46"w x 22 3/4-" h. Panel siding is
offset on framing. Orientate offset to
the inside. Align frame of 1st
Interior Panel (Part D) with the
bottom of the front B panel. Line up
Interior panel framing flush with
front panel framing. Screw from
front panel framing into interior
framing with 3 - 2 1/2" Screws.
Hold framings tight together while
screwing.

D - Interior

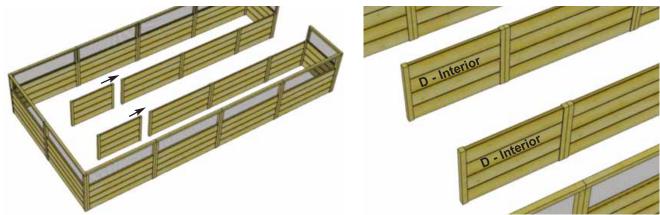
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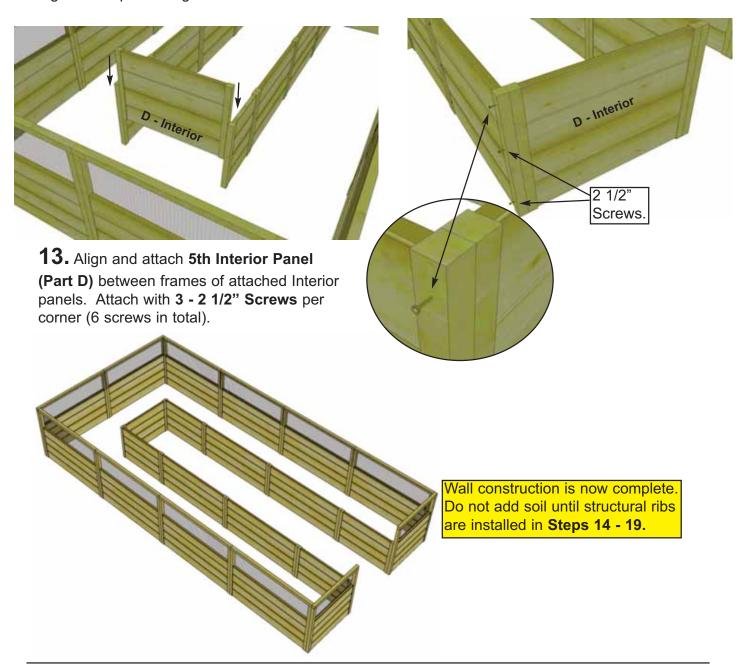


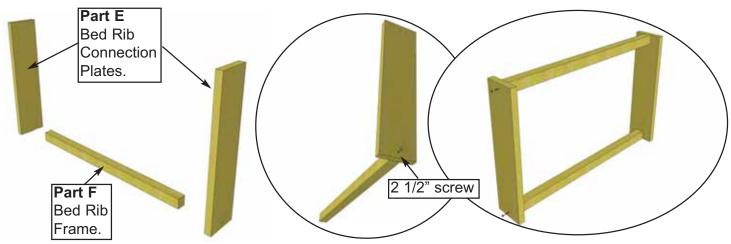
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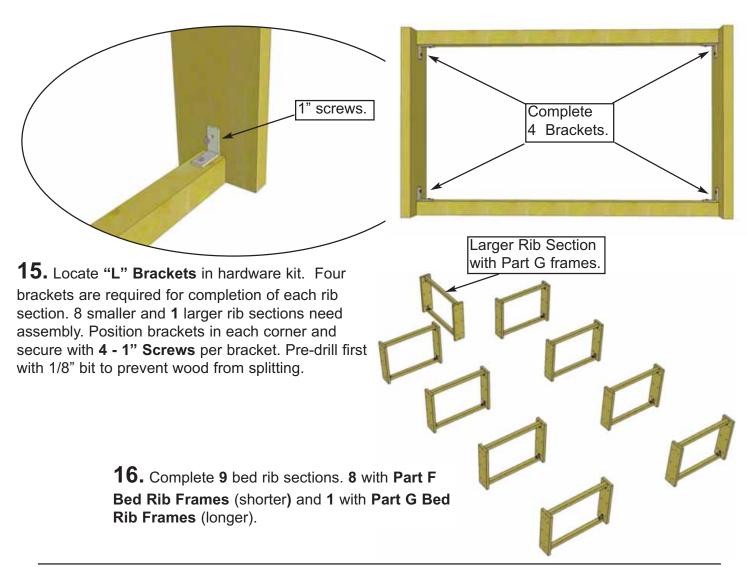


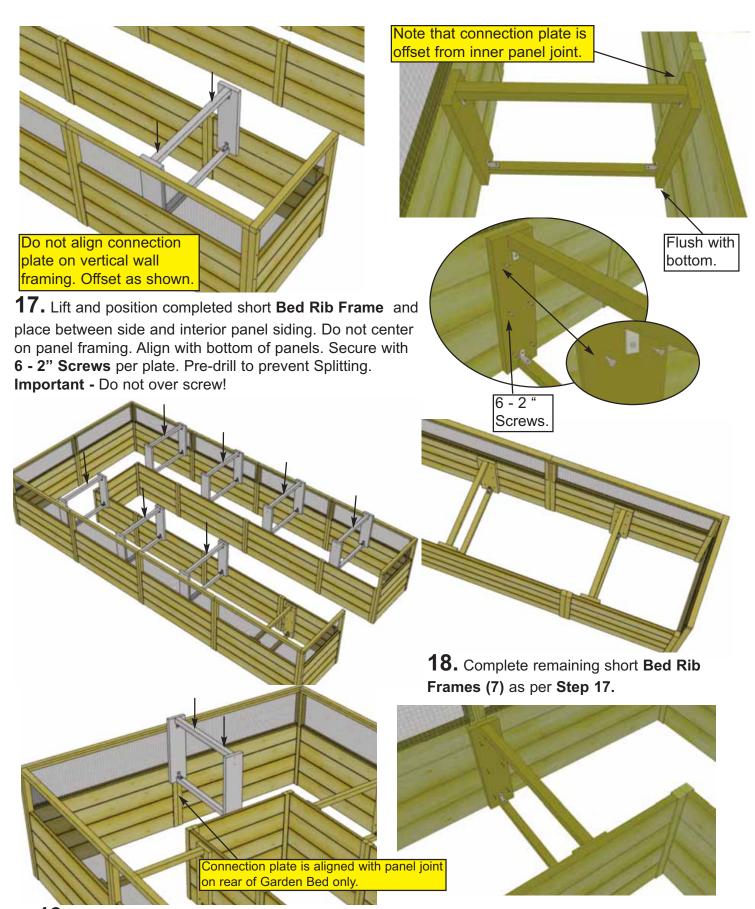
**12.** Align and attach final side **Interior Panels (Part D)** as per **Step 10**. Angle screw panels together with **3 - 2 1/2" Screws** from the inside.



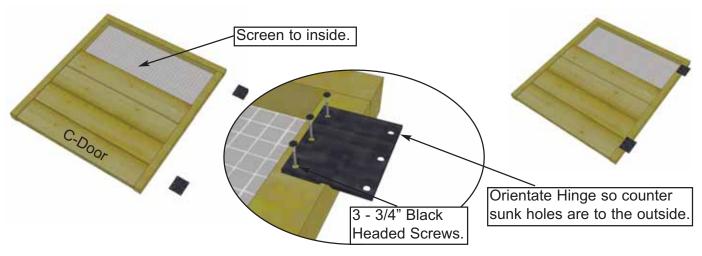


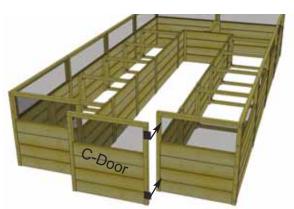
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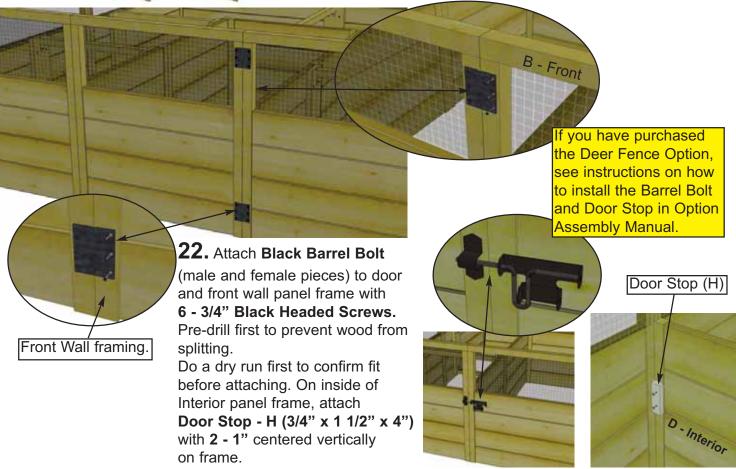
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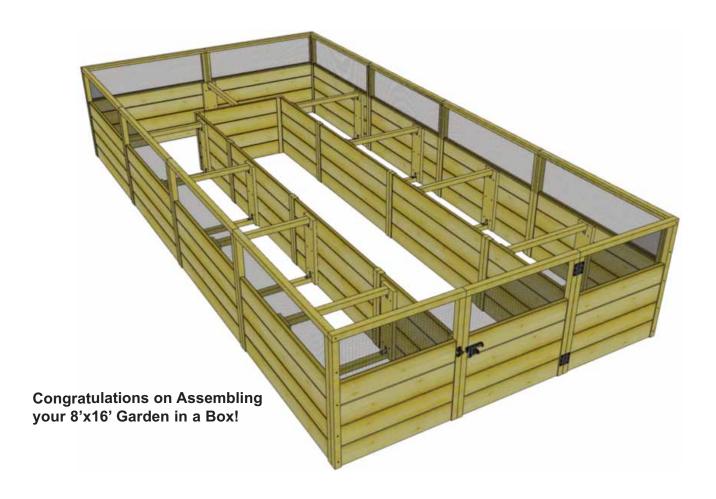




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