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How to Build a Strawberry Pyramid

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This simple, elegant strawberry pyramid can be built by a single person in just one afternoon. Cut the lumber yourself if you have some woodworking experience or make it easy by having the boards pre-cut at your local home improvement store. With a drill/driver and your materials at hand, assembling the pyramid should go quickly. Be sure to choose a sunny spot in your yard – strawberry plants do best with 8 hours of full sunlight.

DETAILS

Estimated Time: 2-3 hours*

* less if you have wood pre-cut

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Approximate Cost: \$115 (including plants)

List of materials:

1 – 2 x 4 x 8 board (treated or exterior grade)
4 – 2 x 6 x 8 boards (treated or exterior grade)
3-inch deck screws (44)
2-inch galvanized corner braces (4)
6-7 cubic feet of soil
32 strawberry plants

List of Tools:

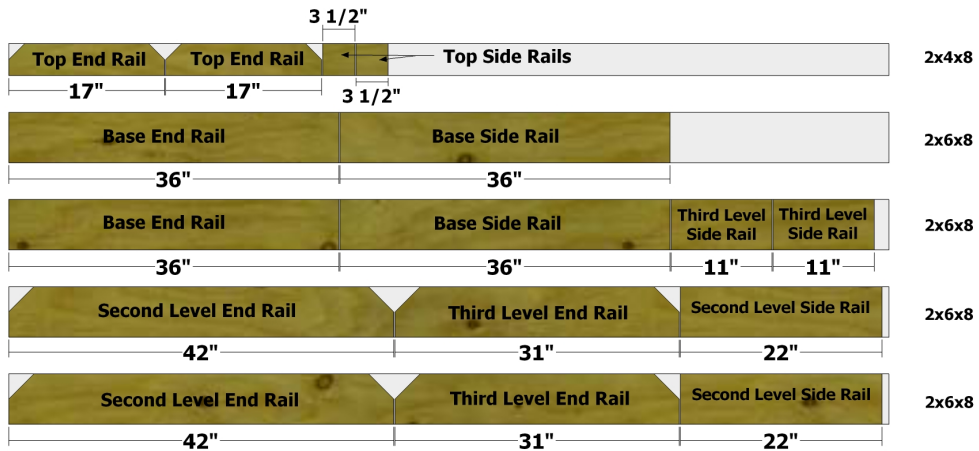
miter saw or circular saw*
drill/driver
scissors or utility knife
square
measuring tape
shovel

* or can have lumber pre-cut at home improvement store per dimensions below

Parts List (see Cutting Diagram below):

Part	Quantity	Size
Base Side Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 36
Base End Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 36
Second Level End Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 42
Second Level Side Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 22
Third Level End Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 31
Third Level Side Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 11
Top End Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 17
Top Side Rails	2	1 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 3 1/2

HOW-TO INSTRUCTIONS



Cutting Diagram

Use the **Parts List** and **Cutting Diagram** as references for part dimensions. Cut the parts as needed for each step.

Step 1: Prepare the site and create the Base Assembly

Select the desired location for the strawberry pyramid planter (a flat, well-draining area with at least 8 hours of full sun per day), then prepare by removing grass equal to or slightly larger than the area of base (20" by 36").

Cut the **Base Side Rails** and **Base End Rails** to length.

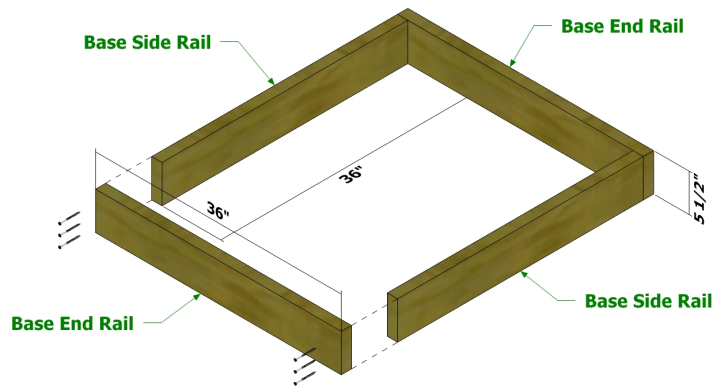


Figure 1

Position the **Base Side Rails** flush with the inside edge of the **Base End Rails** as shown in **Figure 1**. Drill pilot holes for three 3-inch deck screws on each end of the **Base End Rails** positioned equidistantly apart and roughly 3/4-inch from the end. Attach the **Base End Rails** to the **Base Side Rails** using 12 of the deck screws.



Figure 2

Step 2: Create the Second Level Assembly

Use **Figure 2** as a guide for measuring, marking, and cutting the **Second Level End Rails** (optional). Cut the **Second Level Side Rails** to length.

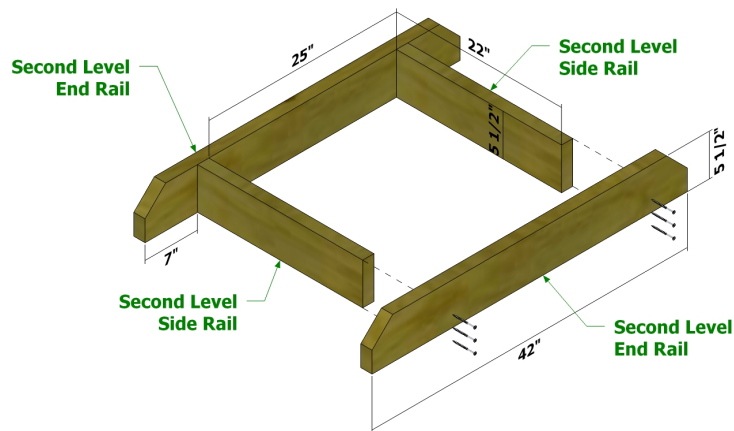


Figure 3

Position the **Second Level Side Rails** 7 inches from the end of the **Second Level End Rails** as shown in **Figure 3**. Drill pilot holes for three 3-inch deck screws on each end of the **Second Level End Rails** positioned equidistantly apart and roughly 7 3/4 inches from the end. Attach the **Second Level End Rails** to the **Second Level Side Rails** using 12 of the deck screws.



Figure 4

Step 3: Create the Third Level Assembly

Use **Figure 4** as a guide for measuring, marking, and cutting the **Third Level End Rails** (optional). Cut the **Third Level Side Rails** to length.

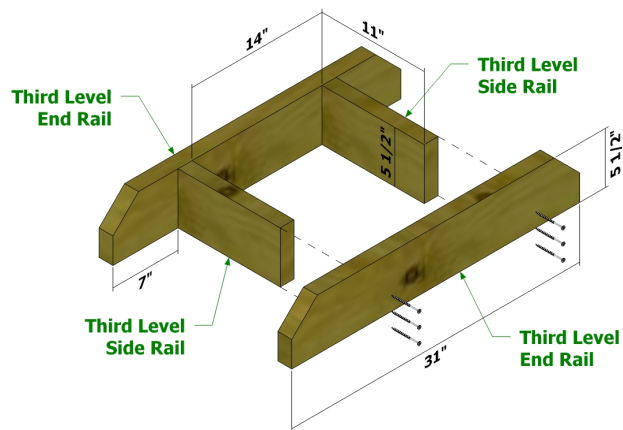


Figure 5

Position the **Third Level Side Rails** 7 inches from the end of the **Third Level End Rails** as shown in **Figure 5**. Drill pilot holes for three 3-inch deck screws on each end of the **Third Level End Rails** positioned equidistantly apart and roughly 7 3/4 inches from the end. Attach the **Third Level End Rails** to the **Third Level Side Rails** using 12 of the deck screws.

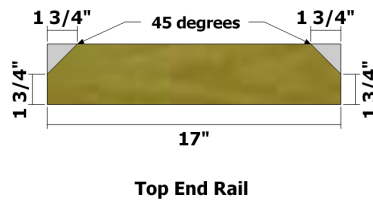


Figure 6

Step 4: Create the Top Assembly

Use **Figure 6** as a guide for measuring, marking, and cutting the **Top End Rails** (optional). Cut the **Top Side Rails** to length.

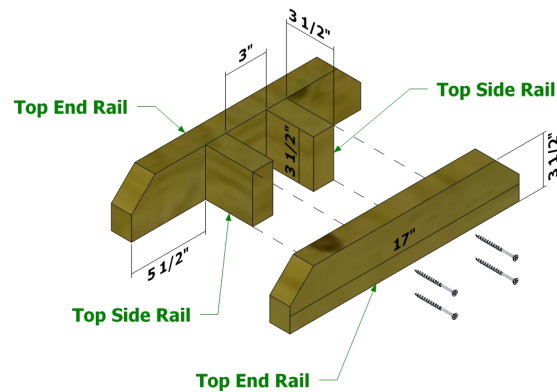


Figure 7

Position the **Top Side Rails** 5 1/2 inches from the end of the **Top End Rails** as shown in **Figure 7**. Drill pilot holes for two 3-inch deck screws on each end of the **Top End Rails** positioned equidistantly apart and roughly 6 1/4 inches from the end. Attach the **Top End Rails** to the **Top Side Rails** using 8 of the deck screws.

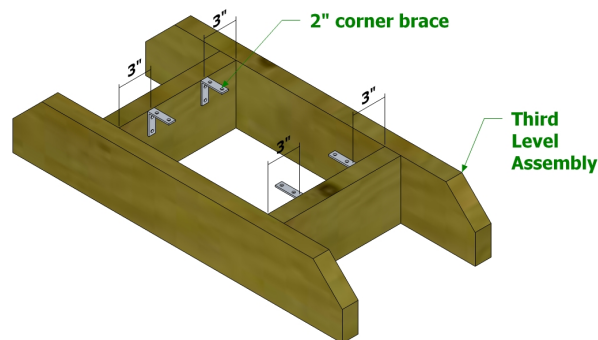


Figure 8

Step 5: Attach the Top Assembly to the Third Level Assembly

Position four 2-inch galvanized corner braces as shown in **Figure 8** and attach using the included screws. Drill pilot holes for the screws.

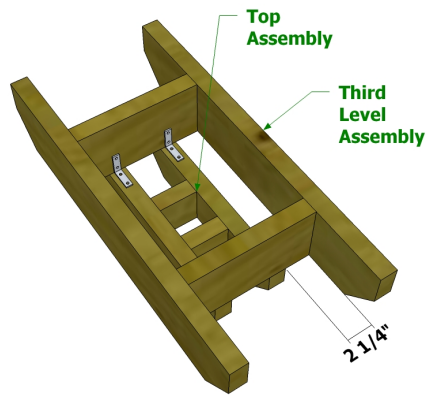


Figure 9

Position the **Top Assembly** as shown in **Figure 9** and attach using the included screws.

Step 6: Final assembly

Position the **Base Assembly** as desired, then fill base with soil.

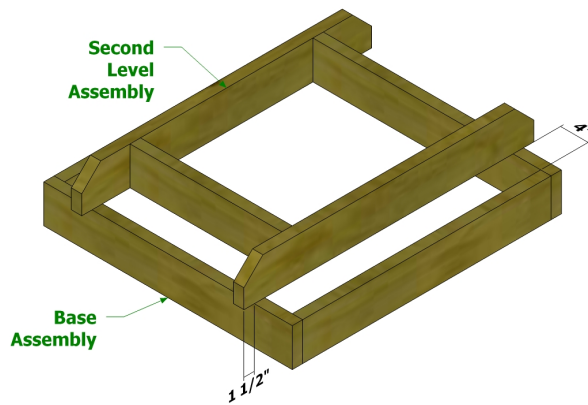


Figure 10

Position the **Second Level Assembly** as shown in **Figure 10** and fill with soil.

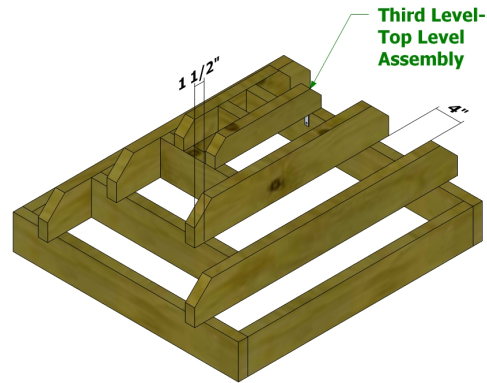


Figure 11

Position the **Third Level-Top Level Assembly** as shown in **Figure 11** and fill with soil. You are now ready to begin planting.

Finished Dimensions:

Height: 20 inches

Width: 36 inches

Depth: 39 inches

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