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GARDEN BOXES FOR CITY FOLK

hints and tips to assemble your urban**mac** garden box with capping with unbelievable ease

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1. you'll need a "square drive" screwdriver bit and power drill. (you can do it without a power drill and just a hand screwdriver but then you would also need a gorilla because humans just aren't strong enough to do it alone).
2. set it up where you want to leave it and make sure that you can either walk around it or reach all four corners. otherwise you will end up with parts of your garden box that you cant use.
3. you might notice that we haven't made holes in the lengths of timber which you screw into. we did that on purpose to help the screw take a better grip.
4. you will need to push on the screws reasonably hard as they go in and be careful not to round off the part on the screw where the screwdriver fits. if that happens and the screw is only halfway in, well - you're screwed!
5. the screw tops need to go at least halfway into the post. we have drilled the holes big enough for the screw head to fit into.
6. start with the bottom layer of boards and work around the box in a circle inserting the screws and driving them tight. same again with the next layer of boards.
7. make sure the box is SQUARE before you attach the capping on top (use a right angled ruler to check this)
8. lay the shorter width pieces of capping on first so the inside edge of the capping sits on the inside edge of the box. screw on with a couple of screws along the length.
9. lay the length pieces of capping on with the inside edge of the capping sitting on the inside edge of the box. screw on with a couple of screws along the length.
- 10.give all the screws around the whole box one final turn, even if you thought they were tight before.
- 11.before you fill it with soil, lay a decent wad of newspapers in the bottom to keep the weeds down (don't use weedmat - its plastic and not good for the planet).
- 12.give the soil a decent water, this helps compact the dirt down and gives a good indication of whether you need to top it up before planting.

If you have any problems - give us a call, we might be able to help guide you over the phone.