

# HOW TO MAKE A HANGING GARDEN

## PROJECT GUIDE



DIFFICULTY: Intermediate

DURATION: 2 hours (includes drying time)

### TOOLS

- Circular or miter saw
- Drill with a  $\frac{5}{16}$ " drill bit
- 4" hole saw
- Safety glasses
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Paint brush

### MATERIALS

NOTE: If using these projects outdoors where contact with water could occur, use either pressure treated, cedar, or redwood boards depending on availability.

- 6-foot, 1x6 board
- 8 - 4" terra cotta pots
- 16-feet of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " rope
- 2 screw-in J hooks
- Paint or stain
- Potting soil
- 8 assorted herbs

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## STEP 1

### CUT THE 1X6

Mark and carefully cut the 1x6 into two 31" pieces, using a miter or circular saw.



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## STEP 2

### MARK CENTERS OF THE 4" HOLES

Next, draw a line straight down the center of one of the boards. It should be about  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " from the edges.

Make a mark on the line 5" from the end of the board, then at 12", 19", and 26".



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## STEP 3

### PREPARE THE BOARDS

Using the four marks you made on each board, drill four 4" holes in each board. Make sure to work off the edge of your work surface to avoid damaging it. Clamp the board down tightly to the workbench.

Now, measure in 1" from each corner edge and side. Use these marks to drill four  $\frac{5}{16}$ " holes in each board.

Now's the time to paint or stain your boards if you like. Be sure and give them plenty of time to dry.



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## STEP 4

### ADD THE ROPE

Cut the 16' rope in half. Run each one down, under and up each end of the bottom board, making sure to keep the board exactly centered. Measure and make a mark 12-14" up each side of the ropes and tie a knot.

Now you can slide the top board down the ropes to rest on the knots, and tie the ends together.



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## STEP 5

### HANG THE GARDEN

Find a suitable spot for your garden, and hang it using the screw-in J hooks. Set them 29" apart into a good, solid beam or overhang.



## STEP 6

### FILL THE POTS

Fill the pots with potting soil and your choice of herbs or veggies. Then pop them into the holes and you're done.

