

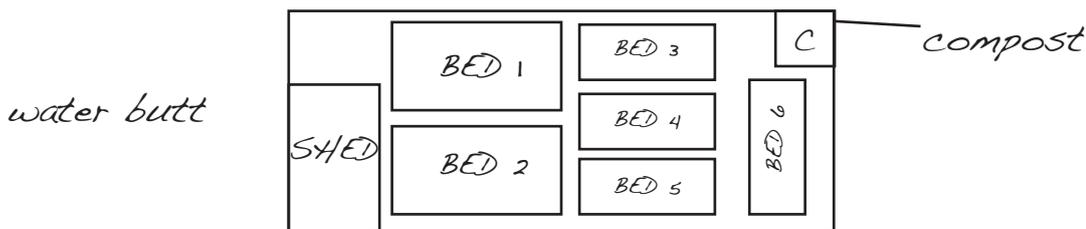
GETTING STARTED

So...you've got your hands on a plot of land. Good work but it's not the size it's how you use it! So Now What?

Your plot may need some serious attention at first, so clearing your land is a must. Remember folks this can be pretty strenuous labour. Cultivating a small area first rather than draining yourself and pulling weeds for a week. If you're a beginner, try tackling half a plot in the first year, and see how you get on. It's much better to rule the roost on your half plot than end up spread to thin over a whole one. That said if you think you can do it! Go for it!

PLOTTING YOUR PLAN

It's good to have a plan in your head of what you'll have where, but grab some paper, and map out your first crop



SOIL

Your soil type will affect what will grow well on your plot. Your soil type will also determine the best way of managing your plot! Find out more in "MORE ABOUT MUD" Coming Soon.

DIGGING IN

To dig will insure the removal of weeds and to loosen the soil, it also makes incorporating organic compost or manure allot easier. However too much digging can damage the soil's health. Be careful that removing weeds from the surface can also cause dormant weeds to come to the surface.

Digging may damage soil structure and cause a number of problems like soil life balance, and, by exposure to the air, tends to wreck nutrients, which then need to be re-added. A decision not to dig relies on nature to carry out cultivation operations. Organic matter such as well rotted manure, compost, should be added directly to the soil surface as a mulch at least a couple of inches deep, you then let the worms do the work. No dig systems are said to have a low pests count and tend to hold less diseases and come packed with loads of lovely moisture.

Converting to a no dig system is however a long term process, and requires plentiful organic matter to provide mulch material. It is also necessary to thoroughly remove any perennial weed roots from the area beforehand.

SOW THAT'S THAT

We hope there's enough there to get you up to sowing. Keep checking back for more grow guide PDF's.

