HOW TO MAKE A HANGING GARDEN

PROJECT GUIDE

DIFFICULTY: Intermediate                            DURATION: 2 hours (includes drying time)

TOOLS

• Circular or miter saw
• Drill with a 5/16” drill bit
• 4” hole saw
• Safety glasses
• Tape measure
• Pencil
• Paint brush

MATERIALS

• 6-foot, 1x6 board
• 8 - 4” terra cotta pots
• 16-feet of ¼” rope
• 2 screw-in J hooks
• Paint or stain
• Potting soil
• 8 assorted herbs

NOTE: If using these projects outdoors where contact with water could occur, use either pressure treated, cedar, or redwood boards depending on availability.
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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.
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 3⁄4˝ from the edges.

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