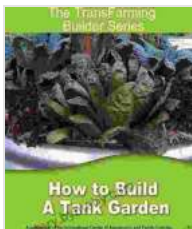


# How to Build a Tank Garden: The Transfarmer Builder Series

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This guide will teach you everything you need to know about building and maintaining a tank garden. We'll cover:

- Choosing the right container
- Preparing the soil
- Planting your plants
- Caring for your tank garden
- Harvesting your produce

## Choosing the Right Container

The first step in building a tank garden is choosing the right container. The container should be large enough to accommodate the plants you want to grow, but it should also be small enough to fit in the space you have available.

There are many different types of containers that can be used for tank gardens, including:

- **Stock tanks:** Stock tanks are a popular choice for tank gardens because they are durable and inexpensive. They come in a variety of sizes, so you can find one that fits your needs.
- **Rain barrels:** Rain barrels are another good option for tank gardens. They are made of recycled plastic, so they are environmentally friendly. Rain barrels also come in a variety of sizes, so you can find one that fits your needs.
- **IBC totes:** IBC totes are large plastic containers that are used to transport liquids. They are a good option for tank gardens because they are durable and inexpensive. IBC totes also come with a built-in lid, which can help to keep pests out.
- **Wood boxes:** Wood boxes are a good option for tank gardens if you want to build your own container. Wood boxes can be made to any size or shape, so you can customize them to fit your needs.

Once you have chosen a container, you need to prepare it for planting. This involves drilling drainage holes in the bottom of the container and adding a layer of gravel or rocks to the bottom. The gravel or rocks will help to drain excess water away from the roots of your plants.

## **Preparing the Soil**

The next step is to prepare the soil for your tank garden. The soil should be loose and well-draining. You can use a potting mix that is specifically designed for container gardens, or you can make your own potting mix by mixing together compost, peat moss, and perlite.

Once you have prepared the soil, you can start planting your plants. When planting your plants, be sure to space them according to the instructions on the plant tag. You should also plant your plants at the same depth that they were growing in their original container.

## **Caring for Your Tank Garden**

Once your tank garden is planted, you need to care for it properly. This involves watering your plants regularly, fertilizing them monthly, and protecting them from pests and diseases.

Watering your tank garden is essential for the health of your plants. You should water your plants deeply and regularly, especially during hot weather. However, be careful not to overwater your plants, as this can lead to root rot.

Fertilizing your tank garden is also important for the health of your plants. You should fertilize your plants monthly with a balanced fertilizer. This will help to ensure that your plants get the nutrients they need to grow and produce fruit.

Protecting your tank garden from pests and diseases is also important. You can do this by inspecting your plants regularly for signs of pests or diseases. If you find any pests or diseases, you should treat them

immediately. You can find more information on how to treat pests and diseases in the resources section below.

## Harvesting Your Produce

Once your tank garden has produced fruit, you can harvest it. When harvesting your produce, be sure to use a sharp knife to cut the fruit from the plant. You should also wash the fruit thoroughly before eating it.

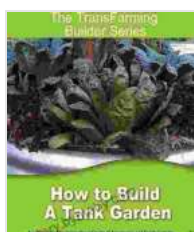
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## Resources

- The Transfarmer: Tank Gardens
- University of Minnesota Extension: Growing Vegetables in Containers
- Gardeners.com: Container Gardening

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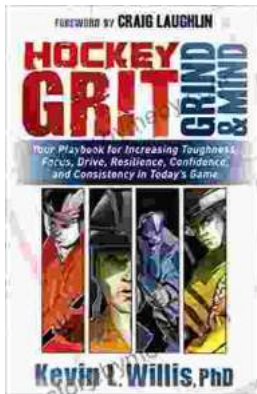
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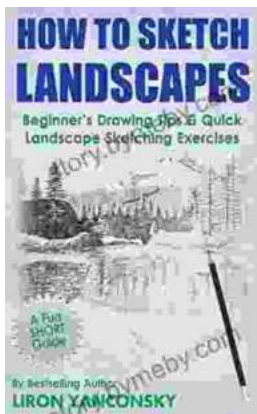
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