

REEMS CREEK NURSERY

# Square Foot Garden Recipe

A Garden Guide

**Mel Bartholomew's General Soil recipe is:**

1/3 part - Peat Moss

1/3 part - Coarse Vermiculite

1/3 part - 5 kinds of Compost

**Recipe for a 4' x 8' x 6" Raised Bed  
(16 Cu. Ft.):**

5.3 cu. Ft. - Peat Moss

5.3 Cu. Ft. - Coarse Vermiculite

5.3 Cu. Ft. - 5 kinds of Compost

**Approximate Amounts:** *These amounts are not exactly 1/3 of each component. This has been configured to approximate what is needed, in the most economical combination.*

**6.4 cu. ft. of Peat Moss**

Use 1 - 2 cu.ft. bale of peat moss + 1 -1 cu. ft. bale of peat moss

OR get 1 - 3.8 cu.ft. bale and have some extra

**4 cu. ft. of Coarse Vermiculite**

Use 1 - 4 cu. ft. bag of vermiculite

**5.3 cu. ft. of 5 kinds of Compost**

1 - 40 lb. Bags of Composted Chicken Manure

2 - 50 lb Bag of Composted Cow Manure

1 - 3/4 cu. ft. Bag of Mushroom Compost

1 - 1 cu.ft. Bag of Coast of Maine Compost

1 Bag of Earth Worm Castings

**Notes:**

1 Cu. Ft. bale of compressed Peat Moss = 2 Cu. Ft.

40 lb. bag of compost = approx. 1 Cu. ft.

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