

# How to create a Wicking bed in a foam box

## What you will need:

- Foam 'broccoli' box
- Gravel
- One piece of shade cloth (same dimensions as the box)
- PVC pipe with two holes



## Step 1:

- Make an overflow hole (2cm in diameter) in the end of the foam box 12cm from the bottom. Heat up a piece of wire with a candle to easily melt a circular hole in the foam box.

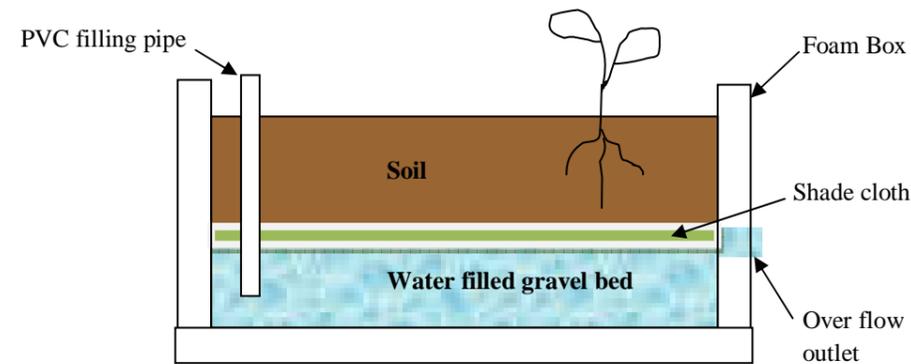
## Step 2:

- Add your piece of PVC pipe that will act as the filling mechanism. Make sure the holes are at the bottom



## Step 3:

- Add the gravel to the box evenly until it reaches the overflow hole



## Step 4:

- Insert your layer of shade cloth slide it between your overflow hole and the gravel at one end.



## Step 5:

- Add good quality soil or potting mix and compost



## Step 6:

- Plant your wicking bed with your favourite vegetables



## Step 7:

- Water your wicking bed by filling the gravel reservoir using the PVC pipe. You know it is full when water starts coming out of the overflow hole. Water again when the soil starts to dry out on top.

## Ideas/suggestions

Try growing herbs and salads and place your foam box near the house so it is easy to duck out and grab the ingredients you need while cooking. You can also decorate your foam box to add some colour to your garden. Happy Growing!

If you would like to know how to set up a larger raised garden wicking bed contact the Gawler Regional NRC  
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