



## How to Make Your Own Pollinator-Attractant Planter Box

### **Step One: Find the Perfect Box**

Visit your local hardware store for a box or build your own! Planting boxes come in all shapes and sizes. Find one that you like best (just make sure to drill drainage holes at the bottom if they aren't already there).



### **Step Two: Prep the Box**

Place a nylon screen at the bottom of the planter and secure it in place with a few nails. Doing this will protect the wood at the bottom of the planter. Make sure that you drill drainage holes in the screen that line up with the drainage holes in the bottom board.

### **Step Three: Add a Design**

Now's the time to style the box the way you want to! Grab some outdoor paint, stencils and brushes to make your box truly yours. Make sure to avoid the inside of the planter as this may contaminate the soil.

### **Step Four: Fill with Soil**

When ready to plant, add a thin layer of gravel to the bottom of your box, then add the potting soil. The gravel will help to drain the planter box.

### **Step Five: Add Your Pollinator-Attractant Flowers!**

Do your research! Find a nursery near you that sells native and local plants for your area. Native plants are the ideal choice because they require less maintenance. It is also important to plant a variety of plants that bloom from early spring into late fall. For a list of flowers that can be planted in most areas of the United States, visit the education tab on [feedabee.com](http://feedabee.com).

