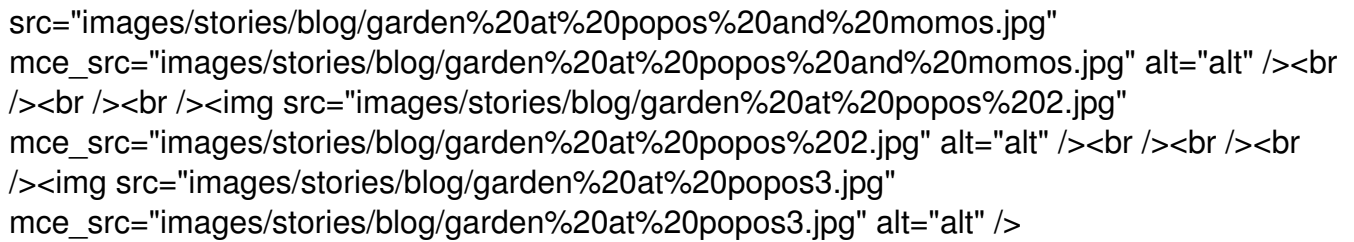


I have always gardened in raised beds, so naturally Sonia and I determined to transform my parents' 60 by 25 garden area into raised beds by mounding the dirt to form 12 by 4 foot beds. After covering it with horse manure, Jon and Jedidiah tilled the garden to incorporate the compost. Then we used a cold frame that Jedidiah had constructed for our vegetable beds at home, as a template for each bed. Once marked, Sonia and I raked the dirt until we achieved the dimensions that we desired. After completing this task, I formed a weed barrier between our beds with brown paper and straw. As you can see, even without wooden frames, Sonia and I formed an orderly, efficient geometric configuration of raised beds with paths that will stay weed free.

The brown paper came from ADM Mills and was easy to maneuver because it was on a reel.



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