

Pergola Garden Bed



We built this in the spring of 2013. We tend to knock out all of our large outdoor projects at our home between March-May simply because it's too hot to work in the heat. You can generally find us working until 11pm at night and often times will make a project deadline right next to a party to motivate us to finish in time. Truth be told, we have had parties with piles of pea gravel sitting in the driveway so it doesn't always go as planned.

The Pergola Garden Bed cost \$150 total in supplies and labor. Davin did most of the structure build but I had to dig the majority of the caliche also known as blackland prairie. That is my least favorite task of all, EVER; when beautifying our yard.

The frame was built with 6-Old Pine cuttings from boards we received for free from [Wampler Manufacturing Cedar Mill](#). They are right down the street from Camp Swift in Bastrop.

We used 14-3"x8' Rough Cut Cedar Posts for the Pergola and secured them with structural fastening screws. Davin trimmed the wood with his Stihl 16" Bar chainsaw.



Near the Site
location



Half the bed is
dug, frame is
outlines, pergola
constructed.



After digging the
site we installed
the frame.



Used a weed barrier 2 feet below the site.



Staple gunned the weed barrier we purchased at Habitat for Humanity, Austin.



Laying dirt in bed.



Trimming weed barrier.



Support Beams used to secure Pergola Garden Bed into place.



Side view.



Davin hard at work!