

Facts about a Wicking Bed

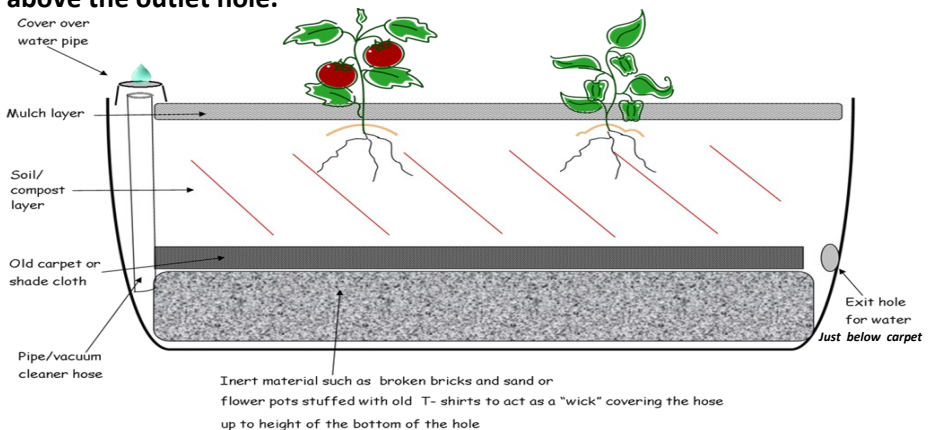
The idea behind a wicking bed is to water from beneath not the top.

Because it is good for our water starved climate.

Any container can be used that has a sealed base eg: old fridge, bath, foam box these need to have a drain hole added about one third of the way up the side not at the bottom.

The roots of the plants do not sit in the water and it is best to have an inert material covering the water pipe area rather than organic material that rots down anaerobically (without air) and smells.

A sheet of carpet or other absorbent material covers the water layer just above the outlet hole.



- Water pipe can be a vacuum cleaner hose or downpipe
- Need a layer of mulch on top to reduce evaporation
- A sock held in place by an elastic band makes a good cover for the water pipe to stop mosquitos getting in



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