

**Work Benches for Potting Projects**

Incorporate a structure for potting plants, starting seeds, and repotting seedlings. This can be an old discarded table or a custom potting bench complete with storage bins for planter mixes and shelves for storing pots. Some garden centers and mail order houses sell potting bench kits.

Parent volunteers may also be able to construct custom benches for the garden. A bench that is 24 inches wide x 48 inches long x 30 inches high will accommodate two students.

All wooden surfaces should be painted unless a weather and termite resistant material, such as redwood or recycled composite board, is used. An alternative to the rectangular potting bench is a discarded wooden wire spool.