

Site Preparation:

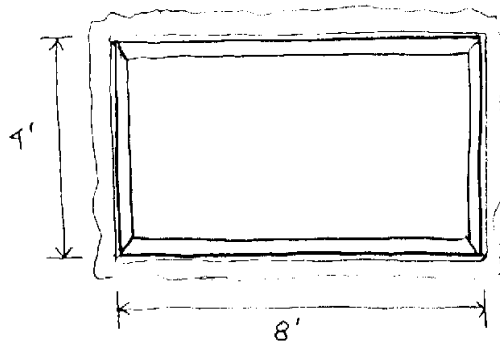
Capillary beds require level ground with room to walk around them and a substrate free of sharp sticks or other objects that could puncture the plastic. Capillary beds are located where the plants that will eventually be housed in them receive only dappled sunlight - preferably a site with east-northeast exposure, and some shade-providing canopy. Beds should also be located where they are easy to access from propagation facilities and can be watered easily.

Beds should also be placed so that carts can be moved up and down the aisles (approx. 4'?).

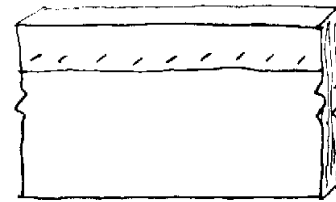
Lining the beds with plastic:

Once you have decided on the appropriate location for the beds and prepared the site, put the lumber frames in place, and use a builders level to make sure they are relatively level both across the width and down the length of the bed. This is an important step because if the beds are way out of level, water will collect at the lowest point instead of evenly distributing itself.

Roll out the plastic within the lumber frame so that the plastic lines the bed all the way into the corners, up the sides and overlapping the top edges of the 2"x12"s by 4-6". Fold the edge of the plastic under one or two times so that you are stapling through at least two layers of plastic. Staple the plastic every few inches all the way around the perimeter of the bed.



CAPILLARY BED WITH PLASTIC
LINER LAID OUT IN
PLAN VIEW



SIDE VIEW OF CAPILLARY
BED EDGE WITH PLASTIC
STAPLED ON OUTSIDE