# **ERGROWNOMICS**

A comprehensive growing system: discover a new concept in producing home-grown salad crops, vegetables and herbs









The future of raised planters and beds









Five models, four colours & three heights
- the choice is yours

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Ergrownomics was begun by a father-andson team in rural Herefordshire, with one goal in mind: to break the mould, and manufacture a sustainable, high-quality raised planter, in the UK.

We're on a mission to do things differently, and to offer consumers a real opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint and plastic waste, learn about food provenance, and eat nutritious, organically grown fresh-produce - without the air miles or chemical residues.

With Ergrownomics, we've set out to modernise vegetable gardening – making it comfortable, simple, clean and efficient – through a mixture of excellent functionality and dedicated guidance. We want everyone to be able to grow their own, and don't believe that experience or available space should be a barrier!

We've spent over seven years on crop-variety research and product-design – meticulously growing together, testing and trialling in our own planters at home – and we've revolutionised container-growing in the process.





### Jamie Bending BA Hons

Hi, I'm Jamie! In 2019, I graduated from Durham University and returned home, wanting to take "Ergrownomics" from a prototype set-up that my father and I had developed for our own needs, into a system that could provide repeatable, quality results - for everyone. With this in mind, I set-out to condense the research we'd undertaken together, channelling our own insights of real-world container-growing to offer a planter that could meet the challenges of the modern gardener, and make "no-dig" vegetable gardening as easy as possible!







# Choose your planter model

# Design and **Features**

# Why work with **us?**



## One Planter from £150

The smallest in our range, the One Planter is ideal for complete beginners working within a very confined space, and best suited to growing a variety of aromatic cocktail and culinary herbs, or even dedicated entirely to a mixed salad-bag!



Our Three Planter is our most popular model, and can create a self-contained, productive urban-garden in almost any garden centrepiece – letting you unused, linear space! Ideal for anybody showcase your success, even on wanting to start a journey towards self-sufficiency with a wide range of crops, or as a modern & comfortable alternative to traditional raised beds!



# Three Planter from £360 Four<sup>2</sup> Planter from £470

The largest in our range, the Four 2 Planter creates a wonderful a courtyard or patio! A brilliant alternative to allotments or larger raised beds, and perfect for anyone serious about vegetable gardening, wanting a modern approach, helpful functionality and a comfortable



# Two Planter from £250

The Two Planter is a great introduction to home-growing, allowing you to split the space between herbs, salad crops and vegetables - and decide what works best for you! We think it's especially brilliant for growing salad crops such as Spinach, Kale and Lettuce, and can fit discretely into almost any space - including balconies!



## Four Planter from £470

Our largest linear planter is the perfect replacement for raised beds, creating a hugely productive space in any hard-standing, with access required from only a single side. Ideally suited to keen gardeners living in rented accommodation, flats, or with patio gardens!



# Also available

Greenhouse kits (Imperial)

Polytunnels kits (Metric)

### **Irrigation Packs**

- Automated Irrigation Systems with timers
- Individual Plant Dripper Packs
- Pipe Extention Kits

#### Plant Training

- Sample Plant Training Packs
- Plant TrainingPacks

#### Plant Protection

- Container Cloche
- Copper Protection Bars

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#### Container

Our container is the star of our system, designed to be productive, bold and durable. Our containers are all specially moulded in the UK from food-safe MDPE, using a 'rotational' method which avoids pressure, and which gives them an excellent strength-to-weight ratio (avoiding the weak spots found with most injectionmoulded products). Each container has hollow cylinders (to fit our plant training), a drainage sump, and a uniform soil-depth – as well as smooth inner walls which provide nowhere for pests to hide!

Our container is available in four colours, including 'recycled black' - produced using entirely re-ground waste plastic, and all are designed to last 50 years before being widely recycled.

We've engineered our frames from the ground up, designing them to be strong, safe and easily assembled with a single hex-key. Our frames are produced using thick steel tube and genuine Interclamp™ fittings (with stainless steel set-screws) – producing an extremely contemporary appearance that's also capable of withstanding heavy loads. All our standard frames are then twice galvanised to prevent rust, and a powder coated option is now available.

What's more, we offer all of our planters with a choice of three leg heights - free of charge - allowing customers to select a length best suited to them, and provide a comfortable working height. Our frames are also widely recyclable at end-of-life.



### **Plant Training**

Our patented Plant Training system works seamlessly with our container to support crops, divide rows, encourage airflow, and make for easier picking; simply put - it's the reason our planters can be so productive, despite their compact size! It also helps improve plant establishment, deter pests, and protect crops from wind and rain.

The system uses hollow aluminium rods (which fit inside our planters' pre-formed internal cylinders), linked with an elasticated cord finished with brass aglets - and joined with toggles (fitted with marine-grade stainless-steel springs). O-ring seals then allow the rods to be adjusted in height as crops grow, as well as protecting against intrusion from soil.

### Irrigation

Our watering system has been adapted from commercial equipment used all over the world, and produced entirely from Rainbird™ components. Our system uses dripirrigation, modelled on the natural water cycle, to create a concentric and consistent wetting pattern throughout the soil profile, and preventing the saturation associated with capillary systems.

The irrigation maintains a constant flow throughout all the lines, and guarantees a precise output of 2.3l per hour, per dripper. The tubing is also impervious to both UV rays and algae, which ensure a design life of at least 10 years. This is all completed with a manifold fitted with a brass Hoselock™ 'tap connector'. Finally, the system is suitable for use with water-butts, and we also offer a timer unit for fully automated watering.

All our planters are equipped with a two-part drainage system, to ensure the container soils are always at an optimum, and never saturated! The 'sump' moulded into the base of our container is shaped exactly to fit our mesh-bag (which is filled with aggregate), and then covered with a non-woven geotextile panel. The system uses gravity as a natural draw-dawn, filtering our soil fines and nutrients, and only removing excess water. What's more, this also keeps the surface beneath the planter free of mud and staining, keeping everything neat and your soil exactly where you want it!

- without compromise, and still offer quick and
- Our planters open gardening to a growing the sale of seeds, sundries and accessories to these groups – by making gardening simpler and more accessible.
- exciting to your customers, and demonstrates products from within the UK.
- We're an enthusiastic team, and are keen to



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