



**March**  
**Full Moon 3**  
**Last Quarter 11**  
**New Moon 18**  
**First Quarter 25**  
**Day's Length**  
**11h 28m-12h 28m**

# Designing a Perpetual Patch

You can grow vegetables in any style of garden—I've even seen vegetables and herbs paired in a spiral-shaped bed—but in terms of efficiency and year-round productivity, it pays to keep the design simple. Geometrically shaped beds like squares or rectangles are the simplest to manage and offer convenient access from all sides. They also make it easier to incorporate the use of season extenders like mini hoop tunnels and cold frames.

A garden bed should be narrow enough that you can reach the middle without straining your back. I prefer to garden in rectangular beds that are no more than 3 to 4 feet wide. If your beds aren't against a fence and can be reached from both sides, you can make them 4 to 5 feet across and any length you want. A 3- to 4-foot-wide garden bed is also the ideal size for permanent or portable cold frame, as well as mini hoop tunnels.



Make sure your garden beds are narrow so you can reach your plants easily without stepping on the soil they're in.

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	Texas Independence Day 2	<b>Blood Worm Moon</b> 3 Magnitude Eclipse of Moon 3:42a-9:25a	4	5	6	Spring Fling 7
International Women's Day 8 Daylight Savings	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	Spring Begins 20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Palm Sunday 29	30	31				