

Wattle Fencing

A very popular fencing method in the Medieval/ Renaissance Eras



Different wattle construction methods illustrated in Sylvia Landsberg's book *The Medieval Garden*

- Wattle fencing is constructed with flexible tree saplings that are woven together.
- Medieval gardens were almost always surrounded by protective walls or fencing, and wattle was a dynamic option.
- Wattle was used by all classes; found in manor house, monastic, and common kitchen gardens.
- This form of fencing was not only used to enclose gardens, but was also implemented in smaller scale to form raised beds.



(C. 1440-50)



(C. 1415)

These images, both from the early to mid 1400's each depict the use of wattle fencing.

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