

Herb planter shelves

Mark Rayner demonstrates how to create heavenly herb planter shelves from a few concrete blocks and a couple of fence palings – the perfect project for a sunny spring weekend.

You will need:

- 2 x 1.8m fence palings
- 2 x 190mm half concrete blocks
- 4 x 140mm plain end standard blocks
- Assorted herbs
- Drill with 10mm drill bit
- Good quality potting mix
- Paintbrushes
- Paint stirrer
- Pencil
- Resene Concrete Primer
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Triple Canterbury Clay
- Resene Terracotta Sealer
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Uluru
- Sandpaper (coarse)
- Saw
- Tape measure
- Terracotta pots



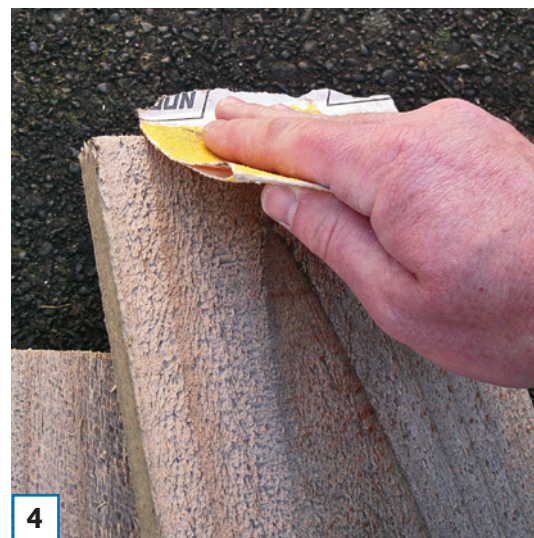
1 Mark the halfway point on each of the fence palings (900mm).



2 Mark a 90-degree line using the back of the saw or a set square.



3 Using the pencil line as a guide, cut each fence paling in half.



4 Drill a 10mm drainage hole approximately 75mm from either end of each of the pieces of fence paling and smooth any rough sawn edges with sandpaper.



5 Carefully stir the Resene Waterborne Woodsman with a paint stirrer.



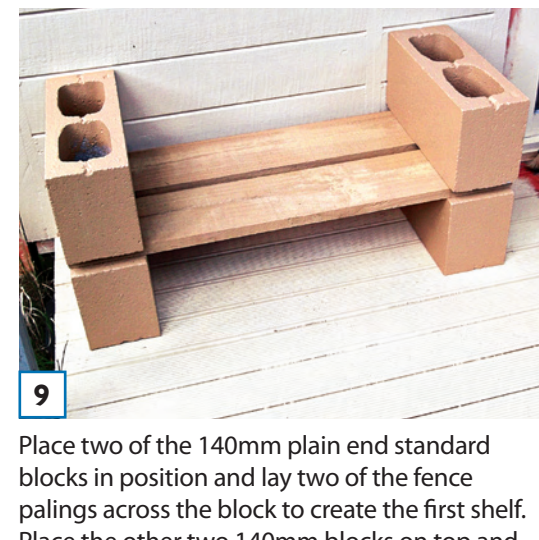
6 Apply one coat of Resene Waterborne Woodsman (in Resene Uluru) to three of the pieces of fence paling. Allow 24 hours to dry and then apply a second coat.



7 Apply one coat of Resene Concrete Primer to the concrete blocks and allow two hours to dry.



8 Apply two coats of Resene Triple Canterbury Clay to the concrete blocks, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



9 Place two of the 140mm plain end standard blocks in position and lay two of the fence palings across the block to create the first shelf. Place the other two 140mm blocks on top and lay the third piece of fence paling across these to create the second shelf. Place the two 190mm half blocks at either end of the second shelf.



10 Seal the terracotta pots inside and out with Resene Terracotta Sealer and allow to dry.



11 Fill the terracotta pots with good quality potting mix and plant each one with a herb.



12 Fill the end blocks with good quality potting mix and plant each one of these with a herb as well.

To get the look:

Mark painted the decking with Resene Waterborne Sidewalk flooring and paving paint tinted to Resene Canterbury Clay and the background wall with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Half Canterbury Clay. ■