

Create a simple tiered planter perfect for herbs or a splash of seasonal potted colour.Words & photos Mark Rayner



YOU WILL NEED:

25mm x 100mm timber planks cut into 12 x 600mm lengths

150mm x 25mm fence palings cut to the following lengths:
600mm (x 3)
175mm (x 6)

25mm x 75mm timber for legs, diagonal supports and rear brace

Exterior PVA Glue

40mm flat head galvanised nails

Coarse sandpaper and sanding block

Drill with 10mm drill bit

Electric circular saw (or handsaw)

Set square

Tape measure

Hammer

Paintbrush

Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Glorious

Resene Quick Dry



STEP ONE

Measure, mark and cut the timber planks and fence palings to the dimensions listed above. Smooth any rough edges with coarse sandpaper.



STEP TWO

Begin to assemble the three planter boxes attaching six of the 600mm lengths of 25mm x 100mm timber to the three 600mm lengths of fence paling, as shown. Fix with PVA glue and nails.





STEP FOUR

Complete assembling the three planter boxes using the remaining 600mm lengths of 25mm x 100mm timber, as shown. Again, fix with PVA glue and nails.



STEP FIVE

Measure, mark and cut two 65mm lengths of 25mm x 75mm timber and smooth any rough edges with coarse sandpaper. Fix to the top planter box, as shown, to create the back legs of the unit.



STEP SIX

Turn the unit on its side and position the two remaining planter boxes as shown. Measure, mark and cut the diagonal supports using the set square to ensure the front legs are aligned to the back legs.



STEP SEVEN

Attach the diagonal supports to the planter boxes, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and nails.



STEP EIGHT

Measure, mark and cut a piece of 25mm x 75mm timber to form a rear brace. Smooth any rough edges with coarse sandpaper and fix into place with PVA glue and nails. Allow glue to dry.



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TOP TIP:

Use the set square when assembling the unit to ensure boxes are upright and at right angles.

TO GET THE LOOK:

Mark painted the background wall with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Primrose.

HERE'S ANOTHER IDEA:

Use this space-saving planter to grow strawberries or small salad crops on a sunny balcony.



STEP NINEDrill drainage holes in the base of each planter box, as shown.



STEP TENApply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the entire planter and allow two hours to dry.



STEP ELEVEN

Apply two coats of Resene Glorious to the entire planter, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.