

DIY

UPCYCLE A WHEELBARROW

Turn that rust bucket of a wheelbarrow into something flash, shiny and oh-so handy.

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You will need:

- Old wheelbarrow
- Spanner or screwdriver, as appropriate for your wheelbarrow
- Electric drill with wire-brush attachment, or a hand-held wire brush and sandpaper
- Soft cleaning brush
- Soapy water
- Medium-sized paintbrush
- Stirrer
- Resene Rust-Arrest anti-corrosive primer
- Resene GP Metal Primer
- Resene Enamacryl gloss waterborne enamel paint tinted to Resene Double Resolution Blue

STEP 1

Remove the wheel and disassemble, as required.

STEP 2

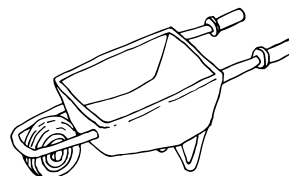
Using the electric drill with wire-brush attachment, remove any loose debris or flaking paint, then lightly roughen or sand any painted surface.

STEP 3

Clean the barrow and wheel with soapy water and a soft brush. Rinse, then leave to dry.

STEP 4

Stir the Resene Rust-Arrest anti-corrosive primer. Spot prime any rusty spots on the barrow. Allow to dry as per the recommendation on the paint can.

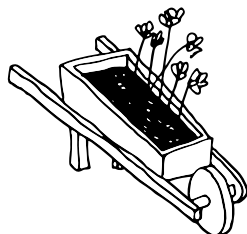




STEP 5
Stir the Resene GP Metal Primer. Paint the barrow and parts with one coat of primer. Allow to dry as per the recommendation on the paint can.

STEP 6
Stir the Resene Enamacryl gloss waterborne enamel paint. Apply two coats to the barrow and parts, allowing two hours between each coat.

STEP 7
Once the final coat of Resene Enamacryl is dry, reassemble the wheelbarrow and be proud of the new lease of life you have given your tool.



Top tip

If you'd rather send your wheelbarrow into semi-retirement, why not plant it up with a bed of potted colour? Then you have a garden on the move to brighten up any garden dull spot, on a whim.



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