



DIY

PALLET CHRISTMAS TREE

Create a festive splash of colour in the garden with this easy-to-build recycled Christmas tree decoration.

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To get the look:

Mark painted the background fence with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Surf Crest.

You will need:

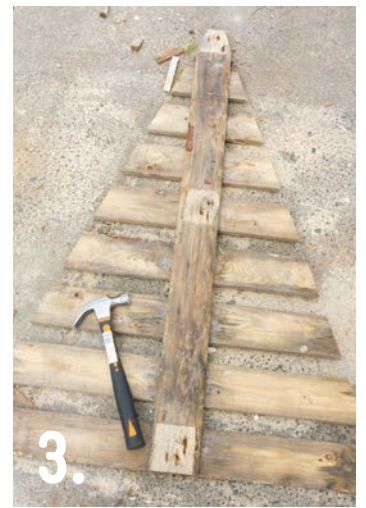
- Old wooden pallet (ours measured approx 900mm x 1200mm)
- Piece of reclaimed wood measuring approx 90mm x 20mm x 1330mm
- 30mm galvanised nails
- 50mm galvanised nails
- 75mm exterior wood screws
- Bucket with clean water
- Drill with 5mm drill bit
 - Hammer
 - Hose with clean running water
 - Paintbrush
 - Pencil
 - Potting mix
- Resene Terracotta Sealer
- Resene testpot of Resene Poppy
- Resene Woodsman testpots of Resene Crowshead, Resene Grey Green, and Resene Touchwood
- Resene Timber and Deck Wash
 - Rubber gloves
 - Sandpaper
 - Saw
 - Screwdriver
- Small terracotta pots (x 17)
- Small potted colour (x 17) – we used red flowering, green-leaved begonias
- Stiff-bristled brush
- Straight edge (we used a thin length of timber)
 - Tape measure



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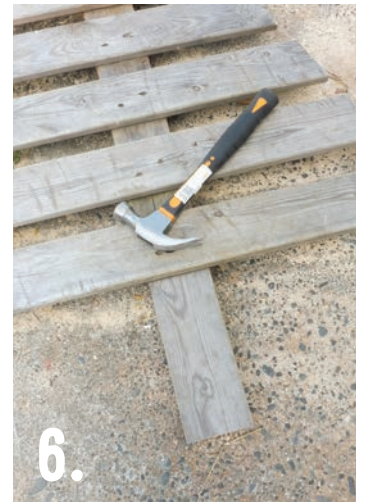
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Top tip:

If the pallet is badly weathered it may be necessary to treat it with Resene Moss & Mould Killer prior to step eight.

STEP ONE

Measure and mark a triangular Christmas tree shape on the wooden pallet, as shown.

STEP TWO

Carefully cut out the triangular shape with a saw, taking care to avoid any nails in the pallet.

STEP THREE

Carefully remove the rest of the pallet, leaving the triangular shape, as shown.

STEP FOUR

Attach the 1330mm length of wood to the back of the Christmas tree shape, as shown, fixing with 30mm nails.

STEP FIVE

Measure, mark and cut a 230mm piece of wood from the discarded pieces of pallet in step three.

STEP SIX

Attach this to the base of the Christmas tree (at the front) with 30mm nails to form the bottom of the trunk, as shown.

STEP SEVEN

Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper and then brush off any sanding dust.

STEP EIGHT

Mix one part Resene Timber and Deck Wash to three parts clean water.

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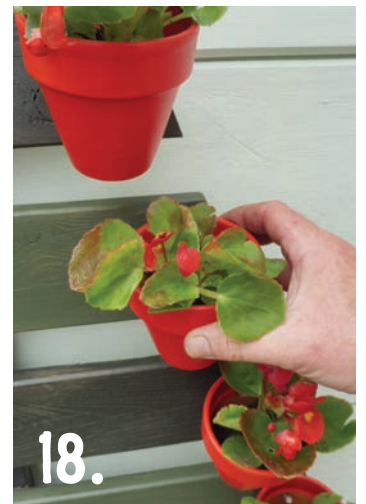
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STEP NINE

Wearing rubber gloves, vigorously scrub the wooden Christmas tree with the solution, as shown, and then rinse off with clean running water. Allow to dry.

STEP TEN

Apply two coats of Resene Grey Green to alternate horizontal slats of the Christmas tree. Ensure the first coat is dry before applying the second.

STEP ELEVEN

Apply two coats of Resene Touchwood to the remaining horizontal slats of the Christmas tree. Again, ensure the first coat is dry before applying the second.

STEP TWELVE

Apply two coats of Resene Crowshead to the trunk of the Christmas tree. Once again, ensure the first coat is dry before applying the second.

STEP THIRTEEN

Partially sink 50mm nails at the ends of each slat, as shown, ensuring the nails are angled upwards.

STEP FOURTEEN

Carefully drill a hole in each terracotta pot, just below the rim, as shown.

STEP FIFTEEN

Apply one coat of Resene Terracotta Sealer to each of the pots and allow to dry.

STEP SIXTEEN

Paint each of the pots with two coats of Resene Poppy, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP SEVENTEEN

Fix the Christmas tree to a wooden fence or shed wall using 75mm screws. Fill each of the pots with potting mix and plant up with potted colour. Hang each pot by sliding the drilled hole over the protruding nail, ensuring they are securely attached.