

DIY PROJECT

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# OUTDOOR MIRROR

*Add colour and create the illusion of space: upcycle or build one from scratch*

## MATERIALS

### You will need: **Upcycling option**

- A window frame with the old glass removed
- Sandpaper & filler
- Paint – Resene Quick Dry Primer and topcoat
- Mirror glass cut to fit
- Clear glass silicon sealant and applicator

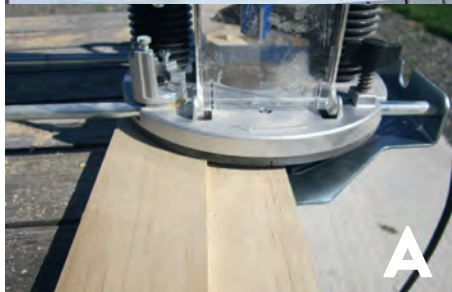
**Cost: \$85 excluding paint**

- ### **New option**
- 8m of 100mm x 18mm dressed treated pine
  - 4 x 65mm x 8g screws
  - Router
  - Drop saw

- Screwdriver and countersink bit
- Sandpaper & filler
- Paint – Resene Quick Dry Primer and topcoat
- Clear glass silicon sealant and applicator

**Cost: \$320, excluding paint**





## UPCYCLED WINDOW FRAME

**1** Remove old putty, fill holes, then sand and undercoat the frame. Apply two coats of topcoat. I used Resene St Tropez.

**2** Using the silicone applicator, apply a bead of silicone to each of the four edges where the mirror glass will sit. Ease the mirror into position and apply gentle pressure to ensure a good bond.

Once dry, trim any excess silicone from where the glass meets the front of the frame using a sharp blade. Clean the glass.

Attach a hanging fitting to the back.

## NEW WOODEN FRAME

Cutting measurements for treated pine:  
Sides – 2 x 2000mm; Top and bottom – 2 x 850mm; Braces – 3 x 735mm

**A** Using the router, cut a 5mm deep x 40mm wide strip from the back face of the side and top and bottom pieces.

**B** Ensuring that the routed strip is to the inside, cut a mitre at each end of the

top and bottom pieces so that the outside measures 775mm. Then, again keeping the routed strip to the inside, cut a mitre at each end of the side pieces so that the outside measures 1900mm.

**C** Drill through each side 40mm down from the top edge. Countersink the holes. Matching the edges, screw into the top and bottom to create the frame.

**D** Undercoat, then topcoat the whole frame back and front. I used three coats of Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path in Landscape Grey to add some texture.

Cut the mirror glass to size – allow for a 5mm gap between the glass and frame. Apply glass silicon sealant and insert the mirror, gently pressing to get a good seal.

**E** Apply a strip of glass silicon sealant to the back between the glass and edge.

**F** Undercoat, topcoat and attach three cross braces to the back. If required, attach a suitable hanging device. ❀