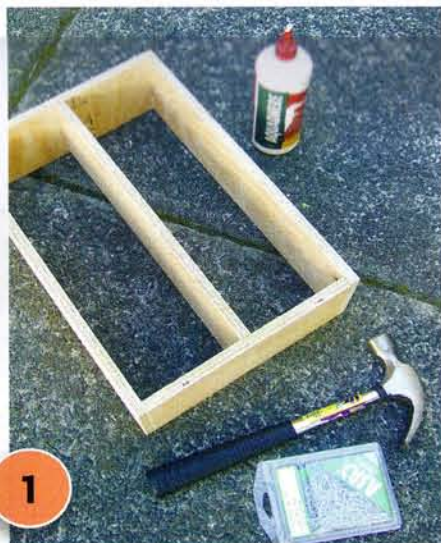


# Box of beauty

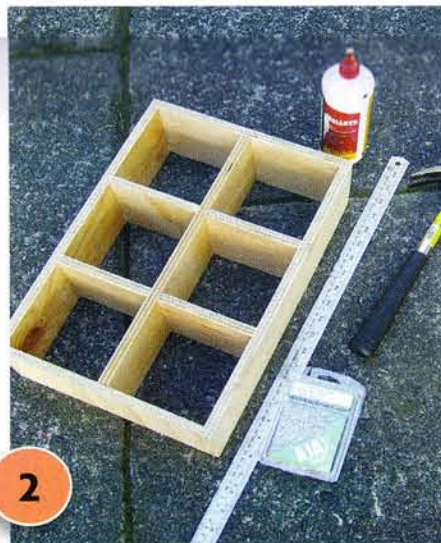
Mark Rayner comes up with a portable container for easily changed displays of potted flower plants or growing herbs.

## You will need:

- 12mm exterior plywood cut to the following dimensions:
  - 408mm x 276mm (base)
  - Two 408mm x 110mm (front and back)
  - Two 252mm x 110mm (sides)
  - 384mm x 110mm (central divider)
- Four 120mm x 110mm (dividing inserts)
- Two 400mm x 50mm (handle supports)
- 35mm dowel cut to 408mm (handle)
- 30mm zinc plated panel pins
- PVA glue
- Hammer
- Nail punch
- Sandpaper
- Filler
- Saw
- Ruler
- Paint brushes (including a small artist's brush)
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Palm Leaf
- Resene testpots in the following colours: Resene Ravine, Resene Parsley, Resene Hippie Green



1 Cut the plywood and dowel to the dimensions listed above and smooth any rough edges with sandpaper. Assemble the sides and central divider, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and panel pins.



2 Position the dividing inserts, as shown, ensuring each is evenly spaced, and fix with PVA and panel pins.



3 Fix the base into position using PVA and panel pins, nailing through from underneath.



4 Position the handle supports, fixing with PVA and panel pins. Position the cut dowel between them, as shown, securing with PVA glue and panel pins. Punch in nail heads with a nail punch and fill holes with filler. Once dry, sand smooth.



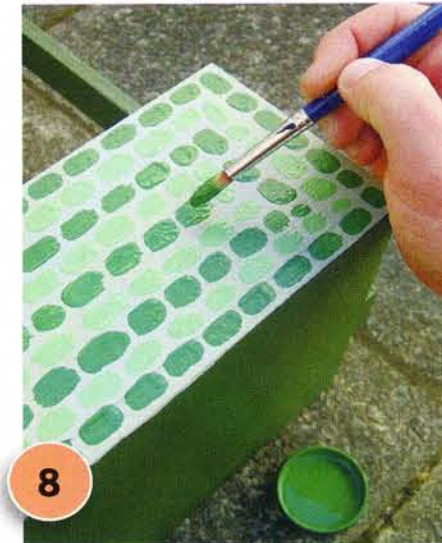
5 Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the entire carry tray and allow to dry for one hour.



6 Apply two coats of Resene Palm Leaf to the carry tray (apart from the front), allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



7 Apply two coats of Resene Ravine to the front of the carry tray, as shown, and allow two hours for each coat to dry.



8 Paint a mosaic pattern on the carry tray's front face with the artists' brush and Resene Parsley and Resene Hippie Green. Allow to dry for two hours.

**To get the look:** Mark chose six red cyclamen to fill the tray with instant 'potted colour'.

**More ideas:** Use the same design for a handy tray for potted herbs. And if preferred, substitute a thick rope handle that will tuck out of sight when not in use.