Something
fishy

Mark Rayner makes a splash with this brightly decorated planter.

You will need:

- Terracotta pot
- Terracotta sealer
- Resene Quick Dry Acrylic Primer Undercoat
- Resene testpots in the following colours: Resene Hullabaloo, Resene Retro, Resene Parsley, Resene Manhattan, Resene Chilean Fire, Resene Red Berry, Resene Lightning Yellow and Resene Nero.
- Resene Multishield+ Gloss
- Selleys Knead It epoxy
- Paintbrushes
- Small artist's brush

To get the look

Mark planted up the fish pot with a New Guinea impatiens. Background wall painted in Resene Havelock Blue.

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1 DIVIDE the Knead It into five equal portions and mix each one according to the manufacturer's instructions. Mould into fish shapes and press on to the front of the pot.

2 CONTINUE until you have five fish, as shown. Allow the Knead It to cure (this should take about an hour).

3 SEAL the inside of the pot using a terracotta sealer, following the manufacturer's instructions. Allow to dry then prime the inner rim, top edge and outside of the pot with Resene Quick Dry Acrylic Primer Undercoat. Allow to dry.

4 PAINT the background with two coats of Resene Hullabaloo. Allow to dry.

5 PAINT each fish with two coats of Resene Chilean Fire. Allow to dry and pick out details with Resene Red Berry (mouth) and Resene Lightning Yellow and Resene Nero (eyes). Allow to dry.

6 PAINT seabed with two coats of Resene Manhattan. Allow to dry then paint seaweed detail with two coats of Resene Parsley.

7 PAINT top ridge with two coats of Resene Retro. Allow to dry.

8 PAINT the outside, top edge and inner rim of the pot with two coats of Resene Multishield+ Gloss. Allow to dry.