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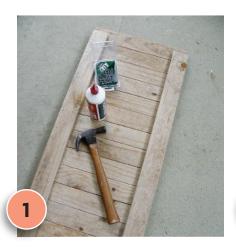
Mark Rayner shows how to build a handy storage bench.

You will need:

- 16 of 70mm x 19mm x 1m colonial fence pickets (Code A)
- 70mm x 19mm colonial fence pickets cut as follows:
 - 26 of 430mm (Code B)
- 2 of 430mm trimmed down to a width of 50mm (Code C)
- 4 of 1165mm (Code D)4 of 360mm (Code E)
- 2 of 25mm x 50mm treated battening cut to 1165mm (Code F)

- 22mm treated plywood cut as follows:
- 450mm x 1165mm (Code G)
- 50mm x 1165mm (Code H)
- 2 of 50mm x 430mm (Code J)
- 1060mm x 400mm (Code K)
- 40mm galvanised flathead nails
- 150mm stainless steel strap hinges (x2)
- Drill with 10mm drill bit
- Saw, hammer, and screwdriver
- Paintbrush and sandpaper
- Pencil, set square and tape measure
- PVA glue (exterior)
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene Lumbersider in Resene Amulet and Resene Green House

Before beginning, measure and cut plywood and timber to the listed dimensions and sand any rough edges. Assemble the unit with PVA glue and galvanised nails.



Form the front of the base by attaching 2 of D to 16 of B, ensuring both cross pieces are centrally positioned.



For the seat lid, attach the 2 of J and 1 of H to 1 of G. Place lid in position. Measure and cut a 50mm x 10mm section from each upper corner of the base front to fit the lid. Leave overnight for glue to dry.



Form one side panel by attaching 2 of E to 6 of B and 1 of C, as shown, ensuring each cross piece is centrally positioned. Repeat to form the second side.



Apply a coat of Resene Quick Dry to all the unit and allow to dry for two hours.



Form the seat's base by attaching the front and sides to 1 of K, as shown. For the back panel, attach 2 of D to 16 of A (fix 1 of D along the bottom edge and the second D about 330mm up from the bottom edge).



Apply two coats of Resene Amulet to the base of the unit and two coats of Resene Green House to the seat lid, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



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Attach an F across the back panel for support. Fix the panel to the base. Attach another F along the back edge at approx 45°. Seal the edge with PVA. Drill five 10mm holes angled downwards along the back – the angle used diverts rainwater from the hinge joint.



Fix the lid to the base with two stainless steel hinges.



