

Simply ready for spuds

Mark Rayner shows how to construct a simple, space-saving potato planter.

You will need:

- 11 of 1.5m rough sawn fence palings
- Pencil, tape measure and set square
- Saw
- Exterior PVA glue
- 40mm and 50mm galvanised nails
- Paintbrush
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene LumberSider tinted to Resene Kaitoke Green and Resene Green House

To assemble the planter:

Fix the first two sections together, fill with quality potting mix or topsoil. Plant seed potatoes. Once potato sprouts appear, attach a third section and top up with soil or potting mix. When the potato sprouts appear again, attach another section, top up with soil and repeat the process once more.


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Saw 10 fence palings in half, as shown.


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Cut the remaining fence paling into 16 equal pieces to form the interior support struts.


3

Attach four lengths of fence paling together to form a square, fixing at each corner with PVA glue and 50mm nails. Use the set square to ensure corners are at right angles.


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Repeat step three with the remaining lengths of fence paling to form five squares in total.


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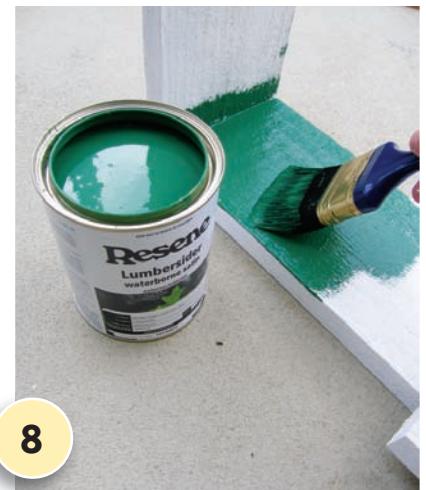
Attach a support strut in the centre of each side of four of the squares, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and 40mm nails.


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Prime each section of the planter with Resene Quick Dry and allow to dry for two hours.


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Paint two of the sections with two coats of Resene Green House, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.


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Paint the three remaining sections with two coats of Resene Kaitoke Green, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.