

Turn a rough wooden storage box into a shabby-chic art plinth using Resene Colorwood Whitewash.

★★★ Difficulty level ★ easy ★★ moderate ★★★ challenging

Weekend DIY with Mark Rayner – 12

You will need:

- 25mm flathead nails
- Clean damp cloth
- Hammer
- Old wooden box
- Paintbrush
- Paint stirrer
- Resene Aquaclear gloss
- Resene Colorwood Whitewash
- Sandpaper with small wooden block



Step one

Fix any loose or bowed edges with 25mm nails.



Step two

Lightly sand the entire box with sandpaper wrapped around a small wooden block, taking care not to sand off any of the old painted lettering.



Step three

Wipe off any sanding dust with a clean, slightly damp cloth. Allow wood to dry.



Step four

Carefully stir the Resene Colorwood Whitewash with a paint stirrer.



Step five

Apply the Resene Colorwood Whitewash to the edges, as shown, taking care not to get any on the side with lettering on.



Step six

Paint the remaining sides with one coat of Resene Colorwood Whitewash, brushing in the direction of the grain as shown. Allow to dry for two hours.



Step seven

Lightly sand the whitewashed areas to 'age' the surface – especially along the edges. Wipe off any sanding dust with a clean, slightly damp cloth and allow to dry.



Step eight

Apply two coats of Resene Aquaclear gloss to the entire box, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



Top tip:

Mark painted the background wall with Resene SpaceCote Flat tinted to Resene Blackout.



Other ideas:

For a flatter finish simply use Resene Aquaclear satin instead.

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