

Shimmer Me Timbers

Transform a pallet with Resene FX Metallic paints, for a Christmas tree that is rustic and radiant.

MAKE YOUR TREE:

- Begin by drawing the outline onto a square pallet.
 - Decide on the width you want for the bottom branch. Here, the bottom branch of the large tree is 100cm; the small 55cm.
- Cut out using a skill saw.
- Using the remaining wood from the pallet, cut a piece 20cm longer than the height of the tree, and nail to the back.
- For the base, use the remaining edges of the pallet to cut two 30cm slabs of wood, nailing these to the sides of the tree's 'spine'.

TIME TO PAINT:

- Choose a selection of Resene FX Metallic paints, and corresponding base coats.
- Plan out where you will use each colour and write lightly in pencil.
- Using a basecoat of Resene Lumbersider to ensure maximum durability, paint each panel front and back except if and where you plan to create a whitewash effect.
- Paint your base coats, and then finish with the Resene FX Metallic paints. It is exciting putting on the final layers, and seeing your pallet sparkle to life!

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These are the colours I used:



Resene Magnetic with Raptor



Resene Gold Dust with Apache



Resene Stun with Coriander



Resene Goldmine with Dusty Road



Resene Woodsman Whitewash

Branch Out *with further Resene inspiration:*

Paint one panel of your tree in a topcoat of Resene Blackboard Paint or Resene SpaceCote Lowsheen (which will allow you to choose whatever colour you want); then use chalk to write the number of sleeps until Christmas – with the kids, you could rub off the number each morning, and write the new number of sleeps.

For the ultimate fun, let your kids choose their favourite colour. Using Resene testpots, leave them to it!

These colours are bound to appeal.



Resene Glitterbug



Resene Funtasia



Resene Go Go Go

Xmas Craft that Rocks

Your kids will love creating their own little band of 'rock' stars or trees or snowmen.

STEPS:

- Find suitably smooth stones.
- Wash your stones – an old toothbrush works a treat.
- While you can paint direct, if you paint first with Resene Quick Dry Primer, the colours look brighter. Allow to dry.
- Draw your design with a pencil, or skip this step if you wish to paint freehand.
- Get painting with your favourite Resene testpots colours!
- If you want a glossy finish, use Resene Clearcoat UVS. This will also help the colours stay brighter for longer.

Kate Kemp loves art and Christmas, and lately she's been busy with her brush creating these beauties. Kate will be selling her art at the Mt Pleasant Art & Craft Market on 9 December.

