



## 1 PLANT MARKERS

Measure out and mark at 30cm intervals down a long, thin, piece of treated pine W40xD10xL1800mm and rule a line across at each point, creating six sections.

With a handsaw, saw along each line cutting the wood into six individual pieces. At one end of each piece of wood, measure with a ruler and mark with a pencil three points, 2cm down from the end on either side and 2cm into the middle of the width. Draw a line from each side point to the centre mark creating a point at the end of each piece. Cut off the point of each stake with a handsaw. Paint each stake with two coats of **Resene** paint. We have used **Resene Double Foundry** for our black and **Resene Japanese Laurel** for our green markers to blend into our garden but any bright **Resene** contrasting colours could be just as effective. Once dry, lightly draw with a pencil, a simple sketch and the name of your plant along the length of the stake. With a fine paintbrush paint on your drawing and label using a contrasting colour to your stake. We have used **Resene Half Black White**. Remember to leave some blank space at the end of each stake for pushing into the soil.

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Resene testpot paints
- Treated pine
- Ruler • Pencil
- Hand saw
- Paintbrush

# Painting three ways

## SUMMER SOCIALISING

Add a splash of style to your parties this summer with these fun ideas from Emily Somerville-Ryan

## 2 CANDLE CANS

Smarten up your summer dining table this season with these cheap and easy, tin can candleholders. Recycle four tin cans in varying sizes. Strip off any packaging. Seal your tins with two coats of **Resene Waterborne Smooth Surface Sealer**. Once dried, paint each tin with two coats of your favourite **Resene** tones. I have chosen **Resene Double Foundry** for our black and **Resene Japanese Laurel** for our green. Buy four white pillar candles of varying heights and place them into each tin. Tie a bow around each tin in a variety of colours.

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Resene testpot paints and Resene sealer
- 4 x tin cans
- Paintbrush
- Pillar candles
- Ribbons



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- Resene testpot paints and Resene Aquaclear
- Pine slab W90 x D10 x L1200mm
- Washi tape
- Handsaw • Paintbrush
- Ruler • Pencil
- Sandpaper



## 3 CRAFTY COASTERS

Jazz up happy hour this summer with these fun coasters. Measure down a W90xD10xL1200mm length of pine at 90mm intervals and rule a line across at each point. Cut each line using a handsaw. Smooth off all the edges with sandpaper. Mask out diagonal or straight stripes on each square with **Resene W18mm** washi tape. Paint the exposed wood with two coats of **Resene Half Black White**, **Resene Double Foundry** (black) or **Resene Japanese Laurel** (green). When the paint is completely dry, peel off the tape and coat with **Resene Aquaclear** waterborne urethane varnish.

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