make a **bin locker**

Wheelie bins are a practical fact of life in many of our cities and towns… but they're not the most attractive of items. Here's a smart way to keep them out of sight.

Final

before

You will need:

- 100mm x 100mm dressed H4 treated post for the corner (1.8m long)
- 75mm x 50mm dressed H3 treated timber for vertical framing of gates and side panel (6m)
- 100mm x 40mm dressed H3 treated timber for horizontal framing (5m)
- 90mm x 50mm dressed H3 treated timber to fix gate to house (1.2m)
- Dressed H3 treated palings – we used 20m each of 50mm x 25mm and 75mm x 25mm for our contemporary look but you can use just one size if you prefer
- Stainless steel screws – 1 pack of 50mm square head and 1 pack of 75mm square head
- Coach screws for fixing to the house and existing post
- 25kg bag of rapid-set concrete
- 4 galvanised hinges and screws
- Gate lock and screws
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to your desired colour – we used Resene Silver Sand

Tools, from Hirepool: post-hole borer; mitre saw; circular saw; battery-powered drill and bits; belt sander and 80-grit paper; trowel; spirit level; four clamps; extension cord; ear plugs; safety glasses.

pictures Mark Heaslip

Step 1

Decide on your paling pattern. We used two widths of paling and set them over two different heights. Bore a hole for the corner post and concrete in. Leave to set. Measure and cut the timber, and pre-paint.

Step 2

Make up the side panel frame and attach the palings. Make the two gates and attach the gate hinges.

Step 3

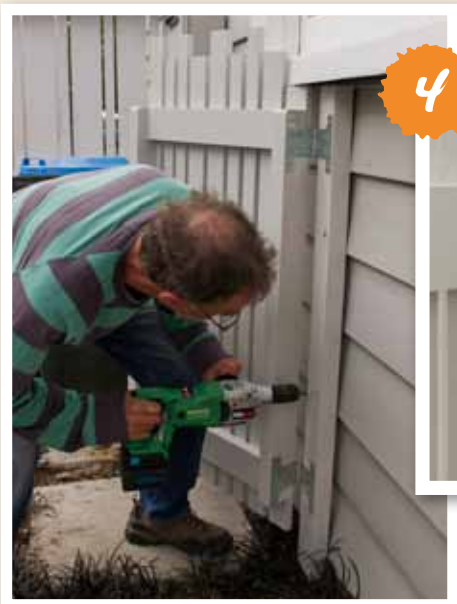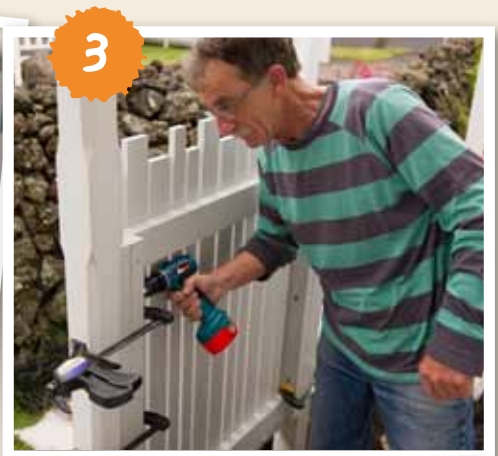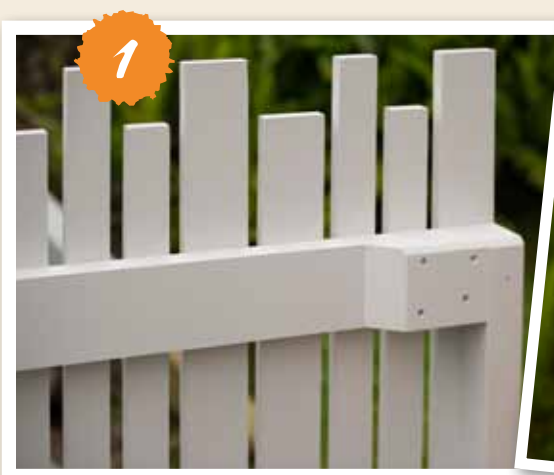Drill and screw the side panel to the corner post and any existing structure using clamps to steady it – in this case it's the house and a veranda post.

Step 4

Drill and screw one of the gates to the main post then drill and screw the other gate to the smaller post and attach to the house.

Step 5

Clamp the gates together then attach the gate lock.

Resene Silver Sand

Resene Friar Grey

Resene Quarter Spanish White

Resene Origin

All equipment and expertise from Hirepool. Visit www.hirepool.co.nz or call 0800 HIREPOOL.

hirepool
hire the experience