



# make your own strawberry planter

Short on garden space? No worries. A tiered planter is ideal for small spaces and can be used for strawberries, herbs or salad greens.

Because it makes use of vertical space, a tiered planter is great for small gardens or courtyards and particularly useful for plants with shallow root systems, such as herbs, lettuces and strawberries (best planted in autumn and early winter). Take care to keep plants well-watered; planters can dry out quickly.

## *you will need:*

- 5cm-long screws
- Drill
- Screwdriver
- Strong wood glue
- Hammer

- Clamps
- Saw – mitre or hand
- 13 x pickets or pieces of timber that are 70mm x 19mm x 900mm
- 50mm x 102mm (2" x 4") x 2500mm pine or cedar for posts
- Resene Wood Primer (for cedar or kwila) or Resene Quick Dry (for pine)
- Paintbrush
- Resene Lumbersider in your choice of Resene colours, or Resene testpots – we used Resene Forest Green, Resene Green House, Resene Caper and Resene Red Berry
- Resene Timber and Deck Wash

Resene  
Red Berry

Resene  
Forest Green

Resene  
Green House 

**Above:** Use timber offcuts or leftover fence pickets to make a handy strawberry or herb planter. Planter legs painted in Resene Red Berry, planter boxes (from top to bottom) in Resene Caper, Resene Green House and Resene Forest Green and cane side table in Resene Black White. The galvanised watering can, coated in Resene GP Metal Primer before painting, is painted in Resene Black White with strawberries in Resene Red Berry and Resene Woodland.



*When painting new timber, prime with Resene Quick Dry to ensure smooth paint application and a quality finish, and use Resene Wood Primer on cedar or hardwoods.*



**Step 1:** Cut the timber to size. Cut the 2 support posts: 740mm x 50mm x 102mm. Cut 13 pickets: 70mm x 19mm x 900mm. Take two 70mm x 19mm x 900mm pickets and cut both ends at a 60-degree angle, so the sides are parallel. They should be about 840mm in length. Cut 6 box ends: To make the ends of your planter boxes, cut a picket, so you have 6 blocks of wood that measure 50mm x 70mm x 19mm. As we used kwila offcuts for our project, we first washed the wood with Resene Timber and Deck Wash to help remove the tannin from the timber.

**Step 2:** Drill 3 drainage holes at equal intervals on the face of 3 pickets. These will become the bottom of each of the 3 planter boxes.

**Step 3:** Build the planter box: Glue along the lower length of 2 pickets before clamping them to the opposite edges of a picket with the drainage holes – this should create a basic box shape. For additional strength, insert a screw 10cm from the end of the vertical pickets to hold them in place.

**Step 4:** To attach the end pieces of the planter box, apply wood glue to 3 edges and hammer them gently between the 2 vertical pickets. You can attach the end pieces with screws for additional strength. Repeat Step 3 and Step 4 twice more so you end up with 3 planter boxes.

**Step 5:** Prime the planter boxes, posts, legs and remaining picket (this will become the horizontal support post) with Resene Wood Primer (for cedar or kwila) or Resene Quick Dry (for pine). Leave to dry.

**Step 6:** Paint the planter boxes, posts, legs and picket in your choice of Resene colours. We used Resene Forest Green, Resene Green House and Resene Caper for the planter boxes and Resene Red Berry for the posts, legs and picket. Once dry, apply a second coat.

**Step 7:** Assemble the planter: Place the horizontal picket post two thirds down the back legs and screw together.

**Step 8:** Attach the top planter box to the back legs using screws and wood glue.

**Step 9:** Attach the front angled legs by gluing and clamping them on either side of the top planter box and screwing them together. Make sure your planter stands flat before gluing.

**Step 10:** Place the next 2 boxes at equal intervals below the top planter box (ours had 25cm gaps between each box). Glue the boxes to the legs and attach two screws on either side.

**Step 11:** Fill the planters with potting mix and pea straw before planting strawberry crowns. **H**

For a video on how to make this strawberry planter, visit [www.habitatbyresene.com/strawberryplanter](http://www.habitatbyresene.com/strawberryplanter).

**top tip**

Resene Lumbersider is a low sheen waterborne paint ideal for weatherboards, fences, outdoor furniture and structures such as pergolas. The low-VOC formula is based on a 100% acrylic resin to ensure maximum durability in all exposed conditions.

- Resene White
- Resene Black White
- Resene Caper

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