Resene

Wooden elephant

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

Toys and Games
with Mark Rayner – 15

You will need:
- Clean cloth
- Jigsaw
- Paintbrush
- Piece of 6mm plywood for elephant ears
- Piece of 25mm plywood for elephant body (ours measured approximately 300mm x 300mm)
- Pencil
- Resene Aquaclear gloss
- Resene Colorwood testpot of Resene Red Beech
- PVA glue
- Sandpaper

Step one
Draw an elephant shape on the piece of 25mm plywood. If you prefer a template to trace around, these can be downloaded and printed from the internet.

Step two
Draw two elephant ear shapes on the piece of 6mm plywood.

Step three
Carefully cut out these shapes with a jigsaw.

Step four
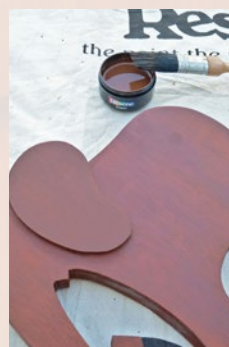Sand off any pencil marks and smooth any rough edges with sandpaper. Wipe off any sanding dust with a clean cloth.

Step five
Fix the ears into position with PVA glue and allow to dry.

Step six
Carefully apply one coat of Resene Red Beech to the sides of the elephant shape, as shown.
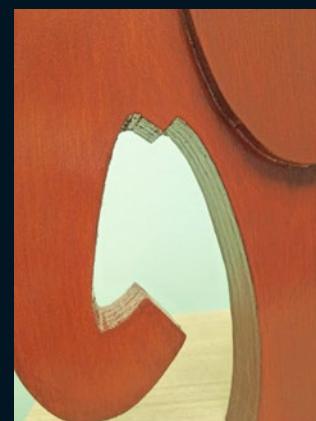

Step seven
Apply one coat of Resene Red Beech to the front and back of the elephant shape and allow two hours to dry.

Step eight
Apply three coats of Resene Aquaclear gloss to the wooden elephant, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

Create this fabulous wooden elephant toy for hours of play time enjoyment.

To get the look:
Mark painted the background wall with Resene SpaceCote Flat tinted to Resene Mint Tulip.

Other ideas:
Wooden toys can also be painted using a selection of Resene testpot colours, but do make sure you prime them first with Resene Quick Dry.

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