Trash to treasure

DIY TEE PEE

It's summer, and that means camping – even if it's only for an afternoon on the back lawn in this cute home-made tent

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Models: Kitty, 3, and Winston Dewe, 18 months. Models wear clothes from Jeanswest Jnr. **Jeanswest.co.nz**

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Resene KidzColour
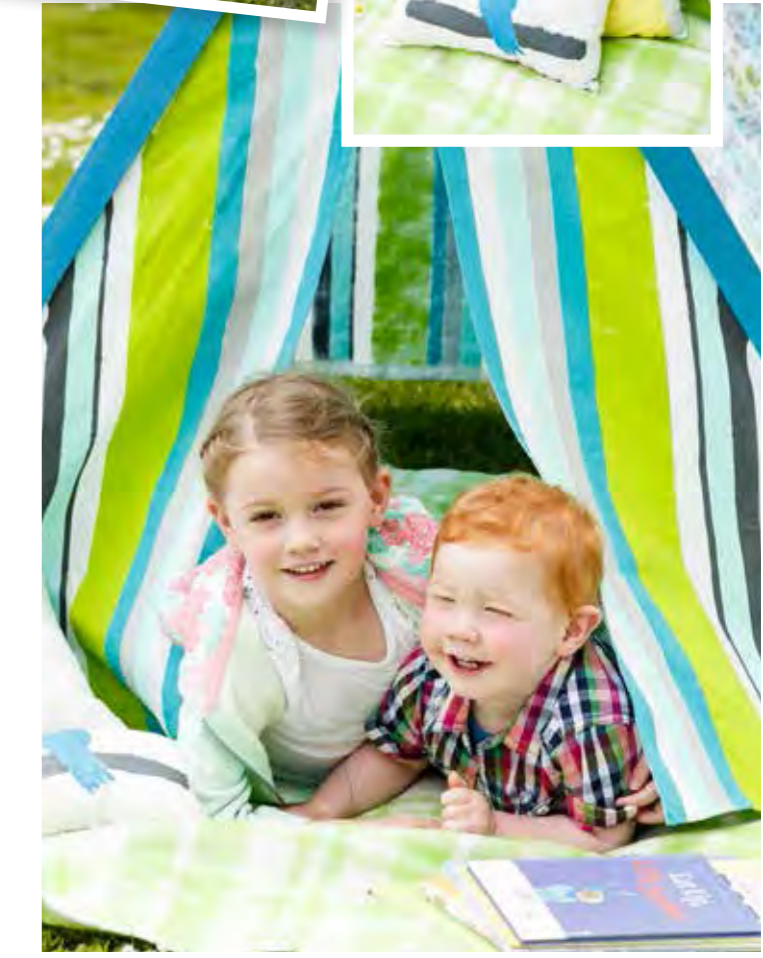
BUY THIS ON TRADEME

We will auction this tent on TradeMe from Monday 9 December. 'Toys and Models', 'Outdoor toys and structures'. Proceeds to Starship.

WHAT WE USED

- 4 x 1.8m lengths of 40 x 10mm pine
- 1 x 1.8m of 20mm dowel
- 2 x 1.8m of 12mm dowel
- Old bed sheet and 2 pieces calico, 125 x 110
- Resene Quick Dry, Resene Enamacryl Metallic in Resene Yeehaa and Resene Lumbersider in Resene Optimist
- Resene testpots: Resene Tuna (dark grey), Resene Silver Chalice (light grey), Resene Riptide (light aqua), Resene Yabbadabbadoo (dark aqua), Resene Top Secret (green)
- Testpot roller, brushes, Staple gun, saw, drill bits (12mm and 20mm)

To make

1. Trim pine timber to 1.5m and drill 20mm holes with a spade drill bit 25cm down from one end in all four pieces.

2. Thread 20mm dowel through the holes and spread the pine timber pieces out to create a triangle about 1100mm wide at the bottom.

3. Use an off-cut of timber flat on the ground against the foot of each timber piece to mark a horizontal line and cut with a saw (this will ensure the legs sit flat when the tent is open.)

4. Mark and drill holes with a 12mm drill bit in all four pieces, 2cm up from the bottom.

5. Paint all pieces with Resene Quick Dry, Resene Lumbersider and top coats of Resene Enamacryl Metallic paint applied with a roller.

6. Cut two pieces of calico to fit the triangle ends ▶

MAIN COLOURS

RESENE   'Yeehaa'

RESENE   'Tuna'

TESTPOTS

RESENE   'Top Secret'

RESENE   'Yabbadabbadoo'

RESENE   'Optimist'

RESENE   'Riptide'

Resene Kidz Colour

Use off-cuts and blackboard paint to make a blackboard sign

Put a blanket under your tent for maximum comfort!

Attach your colourful tent ends with a staple gun

of the tent, with about 5cm extra for folding on both sides. In one of the pieces cut a doorway – a slit about 80cm long. Fold over twice and sew to stop fraying. Hem both pieces.

7. Use masking tape and testpots of paint to create stripes on the fabric.

8. Use a staple gun to attach this to the inside of the tent triangles, folding the edges of the fabric over for strength.

9. To erect your tent, thread 20mm dowel piece through the holes in the top of the timber and hang sheet over then thread one of the 12mm dowel lengths through one of the sheet's seams, and insert into the holes in the bottom of the timber pieces. Measure and sew the other end of sheet as required so the sheet is taut when you thread through the other length of dowel.

10. Make the blackboard with timber off-cuts screwed together, painted with two coats of Resene Blackboard Paint. Our tent comes apart easily and rolls up for easy storage.

Chair and cushions

Make cushions with calico and sheet fabric on either side. Paint an image on the calico side before filling. For our funky Cape Cod chair, we made a stencil letter 'S', stuck it to the chair with glue stick, then painted it with Resene Quick Dry, Resene Lumbersider and top coats of Resene Enamacryl Metallic paint applied with a roller.