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# POTTING BENCH

Collect some rough-sawn timber and fence palings, and get stuck into this practical project ideal for a winter weekend.

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### YOU WILL NEED:

- Rough-sawn timber planks (ours were approximately 25mm x 100mm)
- 2 x 1.2m fence palings
  - Hand brush
  - Clamps
  - Exterior PVA glue
- 40mm exterior wood screws
- 40mm flat head galvanised nails
- Sandpaper and sanding block
  - Screwdriver
  - Set square
  - Tape measure
  - Hammer
  - Paint stirrer
  - Paintbrush
- Resene Woodsman Wood Oil Stain tinted to Resene Earthsong
  - Mineral turpentine for washing brush



### STEP ONE

To make back legs, measure, mark and cut four 1.2m lengths of timber and fix together, as shown, using PVA glue and wood screws.



### STEP TWO

To make front legs, measure, mark and cut four 900mm lengths of timber and fix together, as shown, using PVA glue and wood screws.



### STEP THREE

Measure, mark and cut a 1.2m length of timber. Fix the two front legs together, as shown, using PVA glue and wood screws. Use a set square to ensure corners are at right angles.



#### STEP FOUR

Measure, mark and cut a 1.2m length of timber. Fix the two back legs together, as shown, using PVA glue and wood screws. Use a set square to ensure corners are at right angles.



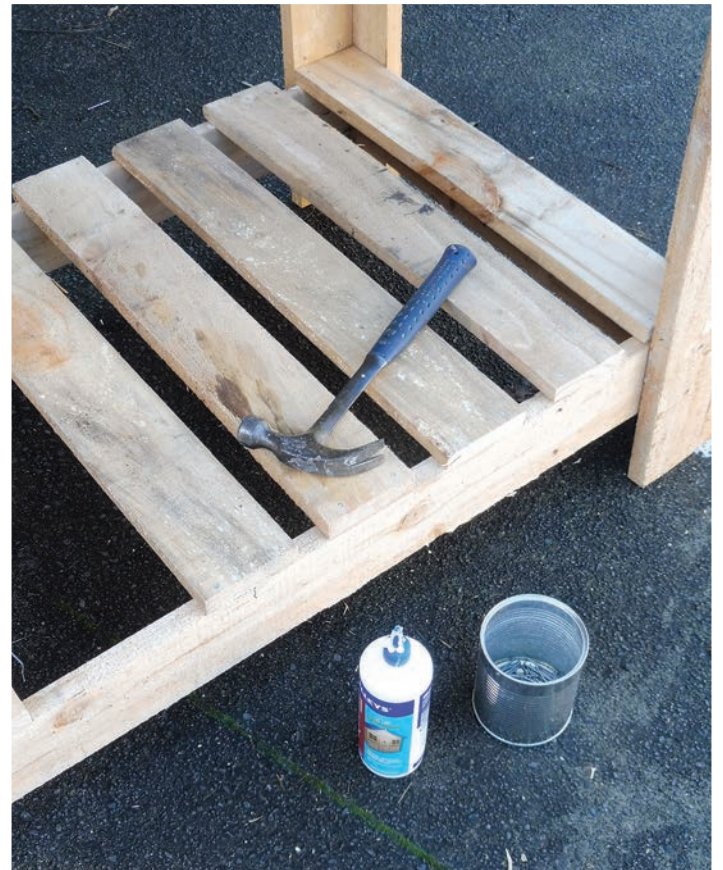
#### STEP FIVE

Measure, mark and cut two 650mm lengths of timber. Fix the front and back sections together, as shown, using PVA glue and wood screws. Use a set square to ensure corners are at right angles.



#### STEP SIX

Measure, mark and cut two 1.2m lengths of timber and two 650mm lengths of timber. Attach to the structure approximately 100mm from the base of each leg. Fix a piece of timber down the centre of the back and another piece along the top of the structure, as shown.



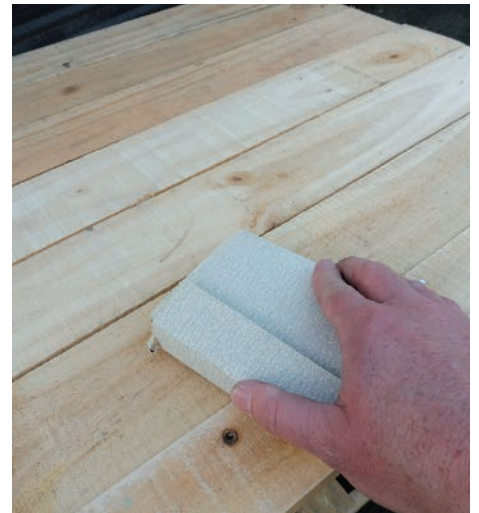
#### STEP SEVEN

Measure, mark and cut planks to fit across the main working area of the bench and shorter planks to fit across the lower shelf, as shown. Fix with PVA glue and nails.



**STEP EIGHT**

Fit the two fence palings across the back section, as shown, to create rear shelves. Fix with PVA glue and wood screws.



**STEP NINE**

Sand the entire bench with coarse sandpaper and dust off any sanding residue with a hand brush.



**STEP TEN**

Carefully stir the Resene Woodsman.

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**Top tip**  
If assembling the potting bench on your own, use clamps to hold wood in place while fixing together.



**STEP ELEVEN**

Apply two coats of Resene Woodsman to the potting bench, allowing 24 hours for each coat to dry. Wash brush in mineral turpentine.