

DIY

Wall-mounted cold frame

Make a space-efficient winter garden essential from a reclaimed window and fence palings

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To get the look:
Mark painted the background shed wall with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Sweet Corn.



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You will need:

- Old wooden window (ours measured approx 50cm x 120cm)
- 2 x 1.2m fence palings
- 2 x 1.8m fence palings
- 60mm galvanised flat head nails
- Bucket
- Clean cloth
- Clean running water
- Hammer
- 2 x exterior hinges with appropriate screws
- Window stay with appropriate screws
- Pencil
- Screwdriver
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Set square
- Stiff-bristled brush
- Tape measure
- Paintbrush
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Quarter Moonbeam
- Resene Paint Prep and Housewash
- Resene Quick Dry

STEP ONE

Mix one part Resene Paint Prep and Housewash to three parts clean water.

STEP TWO

Wash the window and frame thoroughly with the solution using a stiff-bristled brush. Rinse well with clean water and allow to dry.

STEP THREE

Measure, mark and cut six 50cm lengths from the two longer fence palings, using the set square to ensure ends are at right angles. Smooth rough edges with sandpaper.

STEP FOUR

Fix four of the 50cm lengths together with 60mm nails to form two 'L' shaped pieces, as shown.

STEP FIVE

Attach the two 1.2m fence palings to the 'L' shapes to create the sides of the cold frame and attach the inner shelves, as shown, fixing through the sides with 60mm nails. Make sure the shelves align with the cross bars of the window.

STEP SIX

Sand the window frame, removing any flaking areas of paint, and wipe with a clean cloth.

Handy hint

Use galvanised or stainless steel hinges and exterior timber screws to avoid rusting.



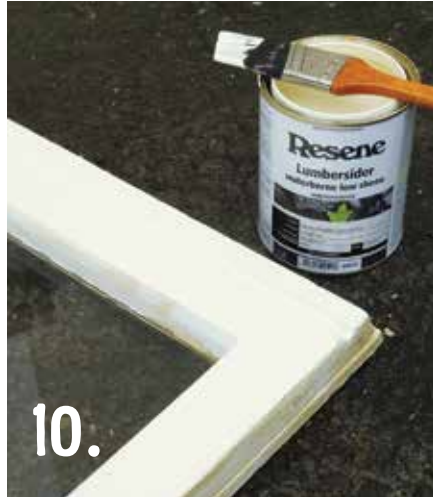
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Top tip

For safety's sake and to avoid potential damage to plants, ensure the window opens away from the prevailing wind.

STEP SEVEN

Spot prime any areas of bare wood with Resene Quick Dry and allow two hours to dry.

STEP EIGHT

Prime the main body of the cold frame with one coat of Resene Quick Dry and allow two hours to dry.

STEP NINE

Apply two coats of Resene Quarter Moonbeam to the main body of the cold frame, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP TEN

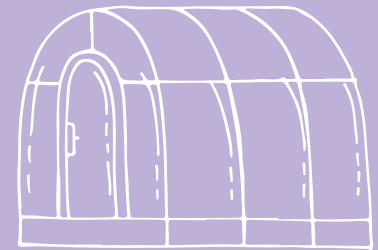
Apply two coats of Resene Quarter Moonbeam to the wooden window frame, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP ELEVEN

Fix the two hinges along one side, approximately one hinge-width from the top and bottom. Fix the window stay to the other side.

TO FINISH OFF:

Attach the cold frame to a wooden shed wall or fence using 60mm timber screws or nails.



Here's another idea

This cold frame could also be used horizontally on the ground – instead of using a window stay simply attach a small hinged piece of wood to keep the window open when needed.



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