



DIY

GARDEN HAMMOCK

Here's a great addition to the backyard that will see you enjoying the lazy days of summer in style.

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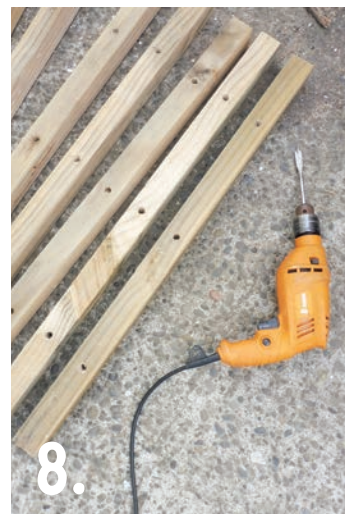
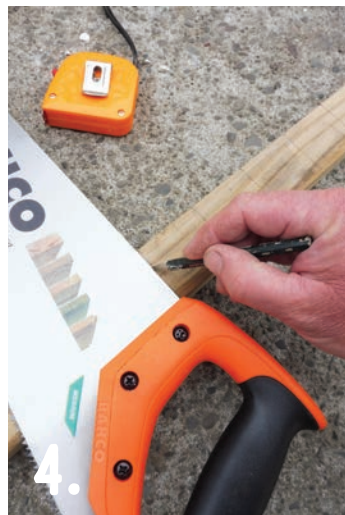
Safety first

Ensure your hammock is securely tied at each end to a fence post or other stable object before using. The hammock can safely carry approximately 85kg.



You will need

- 50mm x 50mm dressed timber – approx. 20m
- 42 x 50mm screw eyes
- Braided polypropylene rope (minimum 6mm) – approx. 40m
- Drill with 12mm and 4mm drill bits
 - Mineral turps (for washing paintbrush)
 - Paintbrush
 - Paint stirrer
 - Pencil
- Resene Woodsman Wood Oil Stain tinted to Resene Totem Pole
 - Sandpaper
 - Saw
 - Scissors
 - Tape measure



Here's another idea

In the same way, use pieces of driftwood or tree branches threaded onto rope.



Top tip

If you want to use thicker rope it may be necessary to use a larger drill bit for the holes.



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STEP ONE

Measure and mark 21 800mm lengths of 50mm x 50mm timber.

STEP TWO

Use the back of the saw to rule cutting lines.

STEP THREE

Cut the pieces of timber to length and smooth rough edges with sandpaper.

STEP FOUR

From the remaining 50mm x 50mm timber, measure and mark 60 50mm lengths.

STEP FIVE

Mark the centre of each of these sections, as shown.

STEP SIX

Using the central marks as a guide, drill 60 12mm holes, as shown.

STEP SEVEN

Cut these 60 pieces of timber to length and smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

STEP EIGHT

Drill a central 12mm hole in each of the 800mm lengths of timber and a 12mm hole 150mm from each end, as shown.



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Handy hint
If the rope stretches over time, simply untie the hammock at one end and adjust accordingly.



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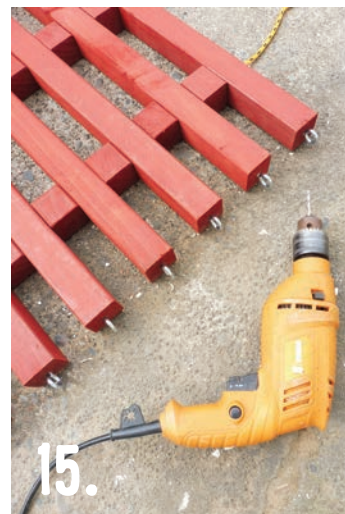
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STEP NINE

Carefully stir the Resene Woodsman tinted to Resene Totem Pole.

STEP TEN

Apply two coats of the Resene Woodsman to the 800mm lengths of timber, allowing each coat to dry.

STEP ELEVEN

Apply two coats of the Resene Woodsman to the 50mm pieces of timber, allowing each coat to dry.

STEP TWELVE

Cut the rope into five 8m lengths. Double knot three of the pieces of rope approximately 3m from one end.

STEP THIRTEEN

Thread the rope through the holes in a 800mm length of timber and then thread on three of the 50mm pieces of timber, as shown.

STEP FOURTEEN

Repeat Step Thirteen until all the pieces of timber are threaded onto the ropes. Again, double knot the ropes against the final 800mm length of timber.

STEP FIFTEEN

Fix a 50mm screw eye into the end of each of the 800mm lengths of timber, drilling pilot holes first. Ensure each of the screw eyes is vertical. Thread the two remaining 8m lengths of rope through the screw eyes.

STEP SIXTEEN

Knot together the five strands of rope at each end, about 600mm from the end of the hammock. And you're ready to hang.