



DIY

# MOVABLE PLANTER FOR CLIMBING CROPS

Now that summer's on the way, create this nifty upright planter on wheels for your favourite climbing crops.

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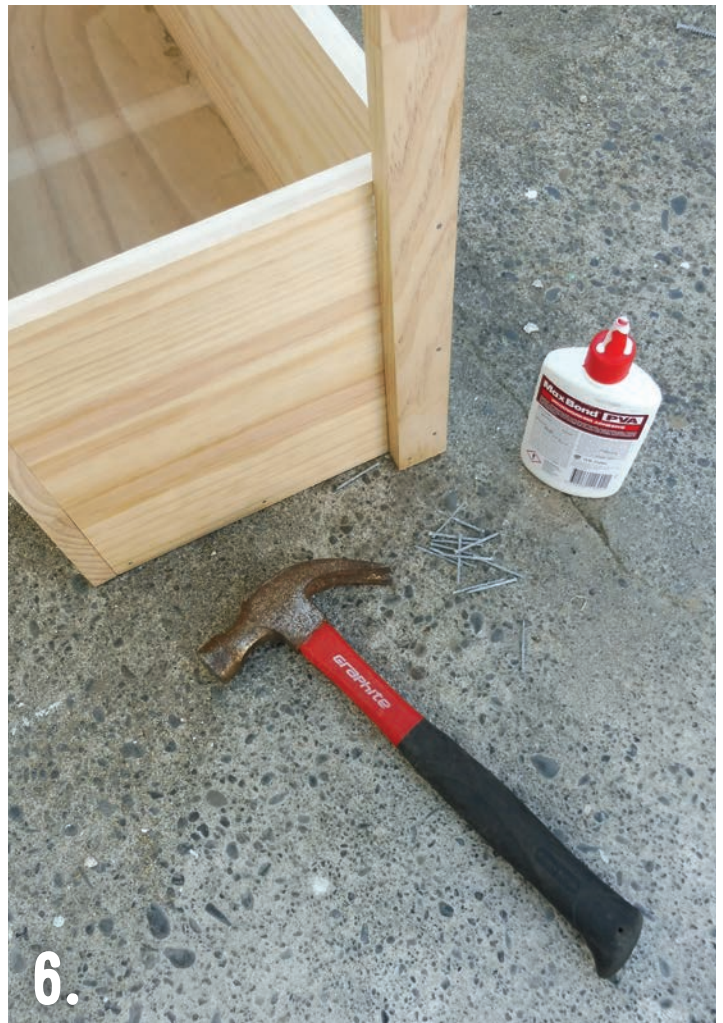


## You will need

- 20mm x 40mm treated timber (approx. 3.2m)
- 25mm x 25mm treated timber (approx. 1m)
  - 280mm x 20mm treated timber (approx. 2.5m)
- 19mm treated plywood
- 20mm exterior screws
  - 40mm galvanised nails
- Drill with 10mm drill bit
- Exterior PVA glue
- Four castors suitable for outdoor use
  - Hammer
- Galvanised square wire netting (actual width 920mm)
  - Paint stirrer
  - Pencil
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Kwila
  - Sandpaper
  - Saw
- Screwdriver
- Staple gun with stainless steel staples
  - Tape measure
  - Tin snips

## To get the look

Mark stained the low raised bed behind with Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Grey Green.



### STEP ONE

Measure, mark and cut the 280mm x 20mm timber into two lengths measuring 925mm and two lengths measuring 250mm. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

### STEP TWO

Measure, mark and cut the plywood into a piece measuring 250mm x 885mm. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

### STEP THREE

Measure, mark and cut the 25mm x 25mm timber into a length measuring 925mm and the 20mm x 40mm timber into two lengths measuring 1600mm. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

### STEP FOUR

Attach the two shorter lengths of 280mm x 20mm timber to the opposite ends of the plywood, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and 40mm nails.

### STEP FIVE

Attach the two longer lengths of 280mm x 20mm timber into position, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and 40mm nails.

### STEP SIX

Attach the two lengths of 20mm x 40mm timber to either side of the back of the planter base to form the upright sides of the frame. Fix these with PVA glue and 40mm nails.

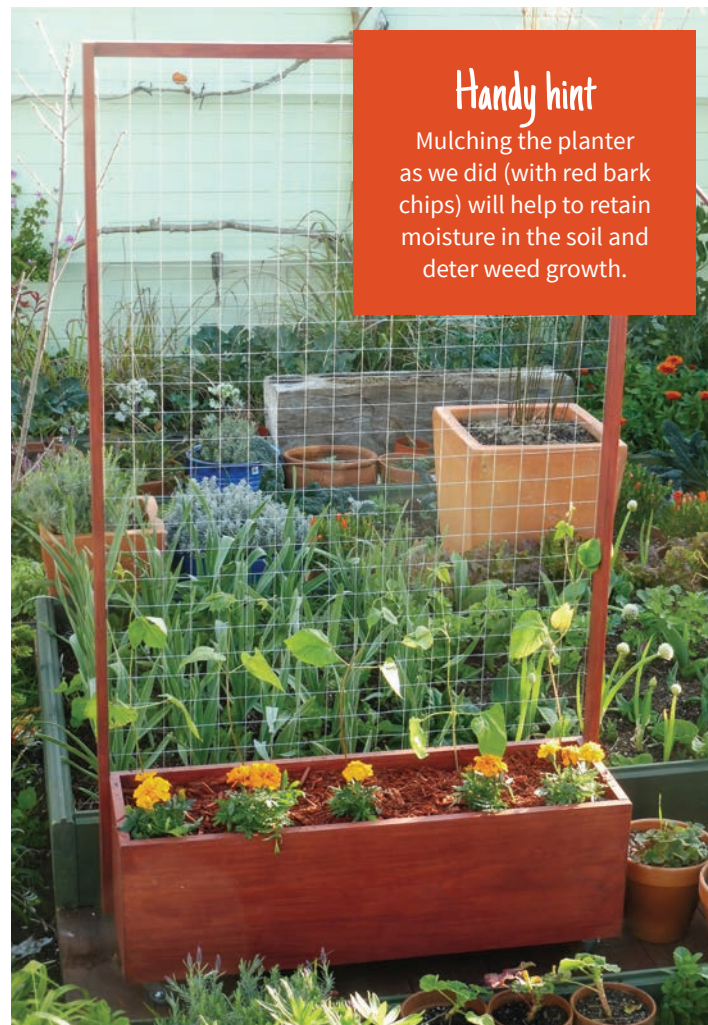
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**The benefits of wheels**  
 Having a planter on wheels is great for moving plants around a deck or patio so they get maximum (or minimum) sun, and tender plants could be wheeled over the winter months.



**Handy hint**  
 Mulching the planter as we did (with red bark chips) will help to retain moisture in the soil and deter weed growth.



**To finish off**  
 Fill the planter with good-quality potting mix and plant up with your favourite climbing crops and/or flowers – we chose runner beans and marigolds.

**STEP SEVEN**  
 Attach the length of 25mm x 25mm timber between the two uprights to form the top of the frame, fixing with PVA glue and 40mm nails. Allow glue to dry.

**STEP EIGHT**  
 Drill drainage holes in the base of the planter spaced approx. 100mm to 150mm apart.

**STEP NINE**  
 Fix the castors to the base of the planter using 20mm exterior screws.

**STEP TEN**  
 Carefully stir the Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Kwila.

**STEP ELEVEN**  
 Apply two coats of Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Kwila to the entire planter and frame, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

**STEP TWELVE**  
 Cut the galvanised wire netting to a length measuring 1380mm and fix to the back of the frame along the top and bottom edge using staples, as shown.

**Here's another idea**  
 Plant up with an evergreen climber and use this planter on wheels as a movable screen around an entertainment or sitting area.