# BARREL BAR

Get ready for summer entertaining by turning an old wine barrel into a handy ice bucket and table.

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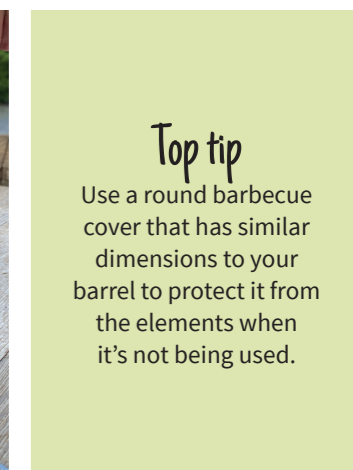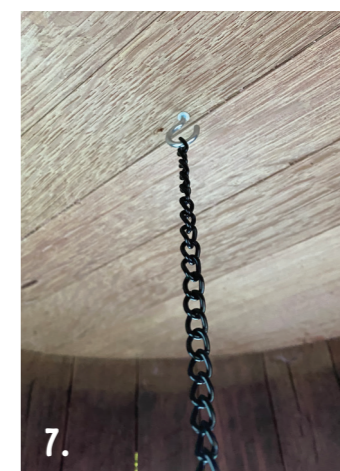
## You will need

**MATERIALS**
- 20mm screws
- 50mm swivel wheels (x 4)
- Plug with chain
- Resene Furniture and Decking Oil
- Resene Moss and Mould Killer
- Small hook
- Wall-mounted bottle opener, with screws
- Wine barrel

**TOOLS**
- Clean cloth
- Drill
- Gloves
- Hole saw (to match plug size)
- Paintbrush
- Reciprocating saw or jigsaw
- Sandpaper
- Scrubbing brush

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## Top tip
Use a round barbecue cover that has similar dimensions to your barrel to protect it from the elements when it's not being used.

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**STEP ONE**
Work out how many slats to cut out of your wine barrel so that you are left with three openings of a similar size (ours was five slats wide). Using a jigsaw or reciprocating saw, carefully cut out the required slats between the two metal rings.

**STEP TWO**
If you find mould inside when you cut into the wine barrel, wash thoroughly with Resene Moss and Mould Killer, diluting one part Resene Moss and Mould Killer to five parts water.

**STEP THREE**
Sand down each cut edge as well as any rough spots. Wipe off any sanding dust.

**STEP FOUR**
Turn the barrel upside down and screw the four wheels into position. Ensure that they won't hit the edge as they swivel.

**STEP FIVE**
Using a hole saw that matches the diameter of your plug, cut out a drain hole in the middle of the base.

**STEP SIX**
Apply Resene Furniture and Decking Oil to the barrel, avoiding the metal rings.

**STEP SEVEN**
Use a small hook to hang the plug from the inside of the barrel. A standard plug without a chain will work too, but tugging on the chain to drain the melted ice will mean you don't have to dunk your hand in cold water.

**STEP EIGHT**
Screw the bottle opener into position.