

# UPCYCLED CRATE



*Rose Hughes' latest project gives an old wooden crate a charming second life.*



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## MATERIALS

**You will need** • Old wooden box or crate • Nails • Handsaw • Drill / drill bits • Fine sandpaper • 4 x 22mm (or similar) hooks • 2.5m x 16mm chain • Black polythene • Staple gun and staples • Potting mix and plants • Resene test pots • Paintbrushes  
**Cost:** \$20 excluding crate, paint and plants

**1** Mark and cut the box down to size if required. I had an old wooden nail box and cut it down to 120mm high using a handsaw. I used spare timber from the sides to repair the bottom boards. Drill drainage holes in the base.

**2** You can leave the box as it is or paint it. I found an image online and traced it onto one side of the box. I used Resene Half Spanish White for the background and Dynamite, Waiouru and Black for the detail. Allow to dry thoroughly and sand to recreate a vintage look.

**3** Attach a hook in each corner making sure they are screwed into solid timber. Cut the chain to length and attach to the hooks.

**4** Line with polythene, poking holes for drainage. Plant up and hang. 🌱