

DIY PROJECT

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MATERIALS

You need: • 12m x 100mm x 50mm treated pine • 7 x 1m Gothic pickets • 1 x 1.2m Gothic pickets • 2 x 900mm x 900mm post tops • 10g x 50mm countersunk screws • 10g x 75mm countersunk screws • 1 litre Resene Lumbersider 'Grape' paint • power saw • power drill • jigsaw • clamps • set square • sandpaper • wood filler

Cutting measurements

From the 100mm x 50mm pine, cut • 4 x 1200mm lengths • 1 x 1130mm length • 1 x 905mm length • 2 x 800mm lengths • 6 x 400mm lengths

Cost \$173.62 (plus paint)

DIY BENCH

Place this charming outdoor seat in the most picturesque corner of your garden or paint it to add colour in a shady spot, says Jane Wrigglesworth



1 Screw 2 x 400mm lengths and 1 x 800mm length together with the 75mm screws, as shown, to form the seat and leg frame.

2 Fit another 400mm length as a brace 60mm up from the bottom, as shown. Make another frame for the other side.

3 Stand seat frames upright, and starting at the back, position one 1200mm length on frame, allowing for a 30mm overhang at each end. Screw in place.

4 Using a spacer to allow for gaps, position the remaining three 1200mm lengths on the seat frame and screw in place using the 75mm screws.

5 On the back side of the seat, position the 1130mm length at the top, flush with the two upright posts.

6 Cut the seven 1m pickets 850mm long. Trace outline of picket top on straight end of 1.2m picket. Put aside. Screw the seven pickets to seat using the 50mm screws.

7 Using a jigsaw, cut the traced outline on the 1.2m picket. Sand to smooth edges. Attach the picket to the front of the bench seat using the 50mm screws.

8 Attach 905mm length at base of seat in centre. Fix post tops to either side of the seat. Fill screw holes with wood filler. Paint.