full house

Lots of kids but short on space? A foldaway playhouse is the perfect solution.

You will need:

- 4 x pieces of tanalised plywood (500mm x 1100mm)
- 1 x piece of tanalised plywood (1200 x 1100), rising to a point (for the roof)
- 8 x wooden supports (1100mm x 30mm)
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Yabbadabbadoo
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Neva
- Self-adhesive Velcro
- Staple gun
- 4 x hooks with eyes
- Masking tape
- Sandpaper
- Nails for fixing supports
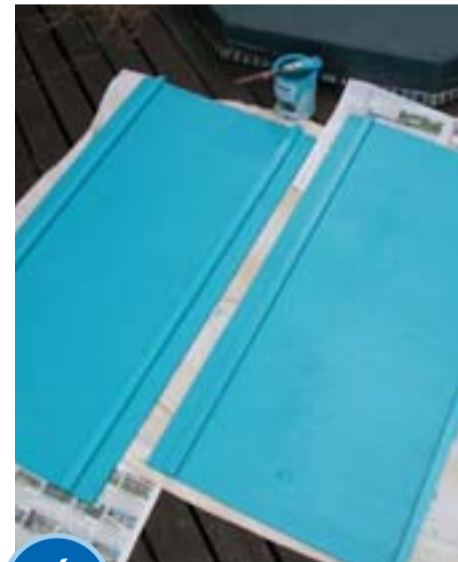- Drill, saw
- Decorative tile

1 CUT the plywood to size. If you don't have a saw, some building suppliers will cut wood to exact measurements for a small fee. Sand the edges to remove any rough spots.

2 APPLY masking tape around the door, windows and roof to separate paint colours. Apply three coats of Resene Lumbersider in Neva (from the Resene KidzColour range).

3 FIX supports to the insides of the four side panels, just in from the edges. On the two end panels, fix one of the supports on the very edge of the panel. Apply three coats of Resene Lumbersider in Yabbadabbadoo.

4 WHILE the plywood panels are quite durable, the supports will help stop the panels from warping in harsh weather. The end support (above, right) is also used to anchor the house.

5 LAY the pieces flat on the ground when dry and attach any decorative pieces, such as tiles or shells.

6 PLACE two sets of Velcro squares on one side of each panel, 200mm from the top and bottom. Attach longer strips of Velcro to join the two panels.

7 FIX two hooks to the supports on each end panel. Fix two eyes at corresponding levels to a wall or fence, for the hooks to latch into.

8 Prop the house in place, attaching hooks and Velcro for support. For more on paints, phone 0800 RESENE or visit www.resene.co.nz