

★★★ Difficulty level ★ easy ★★ moderate ★★★ challenging

Ways with wood,
with Mark Rayner – 24

You will need:

- 12mm treated plywood cut to the following dimensions: 180mm x 170mm (x2) - sides, 550mm x 170mm (x2) - front and back, 180mm x 526mm - base
- 30mm zinc plated panel pins
- Drill with 10mm drill bit
- Hammer
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Plastic plant trough measuring 500mm x 170mm
- Potting mix
- PVA glue (exterior)
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Grey Green
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Selection of 'potted colour' (we used six pansies)
- Steel ruler



Step one

Use the pencil and steel ruler to measure and mark out the pieces of plywood to the dimensions as listed above.



Step two

Cut out the pieces of plywood, using the ruled pencil lines as a guide.



Step three

Smooth any rough edges with the sandpaper.



Step four

Fix the front and back sections to the side sections with panel pins and PVA glue, as shown.



Step five

Fix the base into position with panel pins and PVA glue. Drill two or three drainage holes in the base of the window box.



Step six

Apply one coat of Resene Grey Green to the outside, bottom and top edges of the window box, brushing in the direction of the grain.



Step seven

Apply one coat of Resene Grey Green to the inside of the window box. Allow to dry for 24 hours and apply a second coat of Resene Grey Green to the entire window box, allowing 24 hours for this second coat to dry.



Step eight

Plant up the 'potted colour' into the plastic trough and place the trough inside the window box. Position on a sunny windowsill.



To get the look:

Mark painted the background brickwork with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Tosca and the windowsill with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Goblin.



Other ideas:

Create an indoor planter in the same way and stain with a colour from the Resene Waterborne Colorwood, finishing off with three coats of Resene Aquaclear.

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