

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

Ways with wood
with Mark Rayner – 67

You will need:

- 40mm nails
- 40mm screws
- Clean cloth
- Drill with 25mm wooden drill bit and hole-cutting attachment
- Electric drill
- Electric screwdriver
- Hammer
- Offcuts of old wooden beading and moulding
- Old headboard
- Old wooden desk
- Paintbrushes (including an artists' brush)
- Pencil
- PVA glue
- Resene Aquaclear gloss
- Resene Colorwood natural wood stain tinted to Resene English Walnut
- Resene testpots of Resene Cherrywood and Resene Rock Salt
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Set square
- Tape measure
- Wooden feet from an old sofa



Step one

Carefully disassemble the old desk and cut the drawer section in two, as shown. The larger half will form the main body of the pet bed.



Step two

Remove all drawer runners and build a new side wall from the other half of the drawer section. Strengthen the base with ply cut from the top of the desk, as shown. Strengthen side and back edges with offcuts of wood, fixing with PVA glue and nails.



Step three

Attach the old sofa feet to the base. Drill corresponding holes in the base to accommodate the feet 'pegs' (if necessary) and fix firmly with PVA glue and screws. Allow glue to dry.



Step four

Cut and fix two sections of headboard to the front of the bed, as shown, and attach old wooden beading and moulding for decoration. Drill 25mm holes in the base to allow bedding to remain aerated. Sand the whole bed and then wipe off any sanding residue.



Step five

Apply one coat of Resene Rock Salt to smaller sections of beading and allow to dry.



Step six

Apply one coat of Resene Cherrywood to the front, side and back panels and allow to dry.



Step seven

Apply one coat of Resene English Walnut to the rest of the bed and allow to dry.



Step eight

Apply three coats of Resene Aquaclear gloss to the bed, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

Interior

Repurpose some old wooden furniture into a large pet bed using a selection of colours from the Resene Colorwood range.



To get the look:

Mark painted the background wall with Resene SpaceCote Flat tinted to Resene Alabaster.



Other ideas:

Create a smaller pet bed from an old drawer and finish off with Resene Colorwood tinted to Resene Japanese Maple and Resene Aquaclear gloss.

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