

## tips & tricks:

When styling a rich, dark colour like black, you have endless options. I love to play with different combinations of colours and textures so don't be afraid of embracing a solid colour, and remember it is about creating something that you love.

## **HOW TO**

## UPDATE YOUR DINING TABLE

Furniture re-styler, Nikki Astwood from Revised Edition, guides us through transforming an outdated wooden dining table into a modern masterpiece

## YOU WILL NEED:

- + Dining table
- + Painters' tape
- + Electric Sander and a selection of sandpaper
- + Quick dry undercoat
- + Paint
- + Paintbrush
- + Roller

A dining table is a large feature in any home so you want to get your colour selection right. I chose to use Resene Black semi-gloss to fit with the current decor of the home. But the choice is yours and colour charts are a great place to start for inspiration.

Sanding is my least favourite part of any DIY project, but unfortunately it is a necessity. Generally I start with a coarse sandpaper then use a finer paper to create a smooth surface. Don't be tempted to cut corners, as you are preparing the base for your finished product.

Next you need to apply the undercoat - you will need at least two coats. Once it is fully covered, sand again briefly with fine sandpaper. The topcoat is when you start to see it all coming together, and for the perfect finish you may find you need to sand again between applications.

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