A PRETTY PICNIC

Spring's the perfect time to give new life to that old table. *By Kate Barber*

YOU'LL NEED

+ an old picnic table, or other outdoor furniture
+ Resene paints: Resene testpots are sufficient for details like the daisies
+ paintbrushes (including finer-tipped ones for the daisies), masking tape, cotton buds and drop cloth

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare your table: wash down, brush, or sand if necessary.
2. Paint with one coat of Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat. We turned table upside down and painted the underside first.
3. Using Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel, paint two coats of your chosen colour, allowing time for each coat to try. You can use masking tape to create a straight, clean edge.
4. Once dry, paint on your daisies. You could practice first with coloured pencils or draw the outlines of the daisies lightly onto the wood before painting.
5. For the centres of the flowers, dab on the paint quickly around the edge to create a spattered, more natural edge. We used cotton buds to make spots in the centre of each flower. Keep dabbing to blend the colours.

MIX IT UP

Inspired by the colour Resene Paddock, we opted for simple daisies along the ends of our picnic table. However, there are many awesome ways of sprucing up an old table.

+ Use masking tape to create lines and interesting shapes for a bold, geometric look.
+ Draw around lids of various sizes to make circles, then paint in vibrant Resene colours for a look that pops.
+ You could paint a Noughts and Crosses grid onto the top of the table.
+ A friend painted a beautiful karakia onto her children's table.

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As base colours, we used:

+ Resene Paddock (top)
+ Resene Secrets (underside)

For the daisies, we used:

+ Resene Rubber Duck (edges around the centre of each daisy)
+ Resene Paris Daisy (centres)
+ Resene Bullwhip (dot in the centre)
+ Resene Quarter Black White (petals)

BEFORE