



You will need:

19mm treated plywood cut to the following dimensions:

- 200mm x 300mm (x2) (side walls)
- 400mm x 220mm and 400mm x 200mm (roof)

9mm plywood cut to the following dimensions:

- 360mm x 40mm (x2) (front and back ledges)
- 400mm x 200mm (base)
- Offcut of treated wood for chimney
- Set square
- 19mm x 1.6mm galvanised nails
- 40mm x 2mm galvanised nails
- Pencil
- Drill with 10mm and 1.5mm drill bits
- Hammer
- Paintbrush
- Resene Quick Dry
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Tape measure
- Exterior PVA glue
- Resene test pots of Resene Bright Red, Resene Midnight Moss and Resene Rich Cream

Home comforts

Mark Rayner makes a roofed bird feeder to keep the food dry and provide shelter for the birds while feeding.



1 Measure and mark the pieces of plywood to the dimensions listed above.



2 Using pencil marks as a guide, cut the pieces with a saw.



3 Mark the roof angles on the two side walls with the corner of the set square and cut these.



4 Smooth cut edges with sandpaper.



5 Fix the side walls to the base with PVA glue and 40mm nails, drilling pilot holes first, and the front and back ledges to the base with PVA glue and 19mm nails. Allow glue to dry.



6 Fix the roof sections together with PVA glue and 40mm nails, drilling pilot holes first.



7 Drill two 10mm drainage holes in the base, close to the centre of each ledge..



8 Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the roof, base and chimney of the bird feeder and allow two hours to dry.



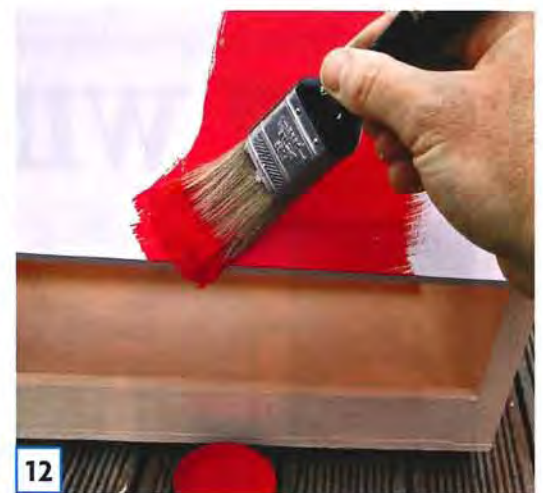
9 Fix the chimney to one of the side walls with PVA glue and 40mm nails. Paint the bottom section of the bird feeder (except the chimney) and underside of the roof with two coats of Resene Rich Cream, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



10 Fix the roof on to the bird feeder with PVA glue and 40mm nails. Spot prime nail heads with Resene Quick Dry and allow to dry.



11 Paint the chimney with two coats of Resene Midnight Moss, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



12 Paint the roof with two coats of Resene Bright Red, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

Seed for garden birds is readily available at most supermarkets, or use bread, cubes of dripping (or other animal fat), nuts, pieces of fruit or pieces of broken fresh coconut to keep your feathered friends happy during the winter months.