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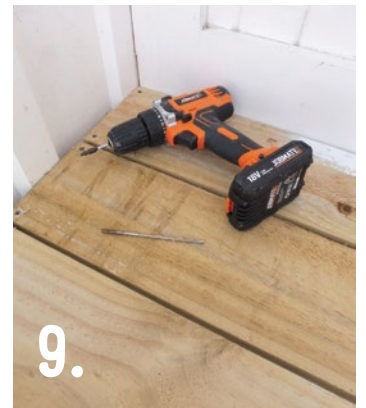
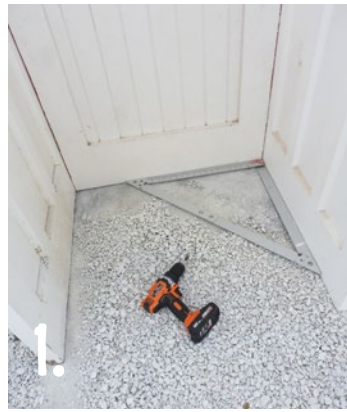
UNDER-COVER POTTER

Get a bit of overhead protection from the sun and rain with this nifty covered potting bench made from upcycled doors and reclaimed timber.

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You will need

- 1 wooden door measuring 810mm x 1960mm (back wall)
- 2 wooden doors measuring 760mm x 1960mm (side walls)
- 20mm x 50mm treated timber cut into 2 x 460mm lengths
- 25mm x 50mm treated timber cut into 6 x 900mm lengths
- 50mm x 100mm treated timber cut to 810mm
- 5 pieces treated timber measuring 150mm x 25mm x 900mm
- 3 pieces treated timber measuring 150mm x 25mm x 810mm
- 2 pieces treated timber measuring 100mm x 25mm x 900mm
- 150mm x 50mm treated timber (approx. 2600mm)
- 40mm exterior screws
- 65mm exterior screws
- 90mm exterior screws
- Builder's bog
- Exterior gap filler
- Paintbrushes
- Pencil
- Putty knife or similar
- Resene Quick Dry
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Breeze
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Half Inside Back
- Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Inside Back
- Resene Summit Roof tinted to Resene Coast
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Screwdriver with drill bits
- Set square
- 2 x stainless-steel hooks
- Tape measure



STEP ONE

Attach the three doors together, as shown, to form the back and side walls of the potting bench. Fix at the corners with 90mm screws (drilling pilot holes first) and use the set square to ensure they are at right angles.

STEP TWO

Measure, mark and cut the 150mm x 50mm timber into one length measuring 950mm and two angled lengths (as shown) measuring 760mm. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

STEP THREE

Place the 950mm length across the top front edge of the potting bench, evenly spanning the two side walls, and fix with 90mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

STEP FOUR

Attach the two 760mm angled lengths along the tops of the two side walls, as shown, fixing with 90mm and 65mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

STEP FIVE

Place the 810mm length of timber along the top of the back wall, ensuring the top edge runs flush with the angled sides, and fix with 90mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

STEP SIX

Attach the wider 900mm lengths of timber to the top of the structure to form the roof, as shown, beginning and ending with the two 100mm widths. Fix with 90mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

STEP SEVEN

Attach the narrower 900mm lengths of timber across the joints, as shown, fixing with 40mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

STEP EIGHT

Attach the two 460mm pieces of timber horizontally along each side wall to form the bench side supports – the top edge of these should be approximately 900mm from the ground. Fix these with 65mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

STEP NINE

Attach the three 810mm lengths of timber across the bench supports, fixing at either side with 65mm screws (drilling pilot holes first).

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To get the look
Mark painted the background wall with Resene AquaShield tinted to Resene Pipi.



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Handy hint
To prevent the bottom of the doors from rotting, avoid placing your potting shed directly onto bare soil. Place it on a concrete pad or build a slightly raised base or floor for it to stand on.



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Site is important
Place your potting shed accordingly to get maximum overhead protection from the sun and prevailing rain. Attach securely to a fence (or at the base) to prevent any potential damage from strong winds.



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STEP TEN

Following the manufacturer's instructions, mix the builder's bog and fill any holes and hinge indentations in the doors. Once set, sand this smooth. Fill any other gaps and joints with exterior gap filler.

STEP ELEVEN

Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to any filled areas and any bare wood and allow two hours to dry.

STEP TWELVE

Apply two coats of Resene Summit Roof tinted to Resene Coast to the roof and eaves of the potting bench, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP THIRTEEN

Apply two coats of Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Breeze to the inside walls of the potting bench, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP FOURTEEN

Apply two coats of Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Half Inside Back to the outside walls of the potting bench, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP FIFTEEN

Apply two coats of Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Inside Back to the top and underside of the bench, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP SIXTEEN

Fix the stainless-steel hooks to the back wall of the potting shed, drilling pilot holes first.

PREPWORK

Doors should be thoroughly clean and free of any handles and hinges and should be lightly sanded to 'key' the surface before painting.

NOTE

If using rough-sawn fence palings, the width will equal 155mm (rather than 150mm) and the roof measurement in step two will be 980mm (not 950mm).

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