



RUSTIC HERB SHELVES

Use reclaimed native timber to create a set of rustic herb shelves.

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YOU WILL NEED:

- 60mm exterior screws
- Drill with 3mm drill bit
- Hand brush
- Paint stirrer
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Reclaimed timber – we used 140mm x 20mm native tongue and groove
- Resene Furniture and Decking Oil
- Resene Mineral Turpentine
- Resene paint pot
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Screwdriver
- Set square
- Tape measure



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STEP ONE

Measure, mark and cut the timber into six 1200mm lengths and six 500mm lengths. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

STEP TWO

Attach two of the 1200mm lengths of timber to one of the 500mm lengths of timber, as shown, fixing from the sides with 60mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.

STEP THREE

In the same way, attach a second 500mm length of timber, inseting it about 20mm at each end, as shown.

STEP FOUR

Attach a third 500mm length of timber to form the bottom shelf, again, fixing from the sides with 60mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.

STEP FIVE

Attach a fourth 500mm length of timber to form the top of the herb shelves, as shown. Once again, fix it from the sides with 60mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.

STEP SIX

In the same way, attach the two remaining 500mm lengths of timber to form the two middle shelves, as shown.



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



Top tip
 To complete the rustic look, pot up a selection of your favourite herbs into weathered terracotta pots and place these on the shelves.



Handy hint
 Reclaimed untreated timber eventually deteriorates outside. If you want a more permanent outdoor structure, use tanalised timber, such as fence palings, and adjust the measurements accordingly.



STEP SEVEN

Ensure that the sides of the shelving unit are at 90 degrees using the set square and then attach the four remaining 1200mm lengths of timber into position, as shown, fixing to the back edge of each shelf using 60mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.

STEP EIGHT

Sand the entire unit, smoothing any rough edges and corners, and then brush off any sanding residue with a hand brush.

STEP NINE

Carefully stir the Resene Furniture and Decking Oil.

STEP TEN

Apply one generous coat of Resene Furniture and Decking Oil to the entire unit, allowing it to fully penetrate the wood. Allow to dry for 24 hours.

STEP ELEVEN

Clean the paintbrush using Resene Mineral Turpentine.



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