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# VERTICAL GROWING FRAME

This sturdy A-frame is the perfect support for climbing crops. It's easy to move around for crop rotation and is a great way to make the most of your gardening space.

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## YOU WILL NEED

### Materials

- 75 x 25mm timber (or similar) cut to the following lengths:
  - 800mm (x 4) for the top and bottom pieces
  - 2m (x 4) for the sides
- 900mm-wide wire flower mesh cut to two 1500mm lengths
- Corner brackets (x 16)
- Hinges (x 2)
- Resene Kwila Timber Stain
- Screws (shorter than the depth of your timber)
- U-nails
- Vegetable seedlings (or seeds)

### Tools

- Drill
- Hammer
- Paintbrush
- Saw

### TOP TIP

If you prefer to use a waterborne finish, apply two coats of Resene Waterborne Woodsman to your frame. When opting for a darker colour, use the Resene CoolColour version of the colour to help reflect more of the sun's heat.

**Step 1** Cut one end of each of the 2m timber lengths into a point, as shown.

**Step 2** Apply one coat of Resene Kwila Timber Stain to all lengths of timber, and allow to dry. Then apply a second coat, allowing it to dry.

**Step 3** Create your first frame by aligning one 800mm length with the flat top of two of the 2m lengths (so the bottom points down). Position the lower horizontal 800mm length 500mm up from the pointed end of the 2m lengths to create a rectangular frame. Join the frame together using the corner brackets, drilling pilot holes first. Once all the four corners are securely fastened, flip the frame over and repeat on the other side, being careful not to allow the screws to collide as you secure each corner bracket.

**Step 4** Lay one 1500mm-length section of wire flower mesh over the frame and secure in place with U-nails.

**Step 5** Repeat steps 3 and 4 to make a second frame.

**Step 6** Lay the two frames down, wire side up, with the short top ends touching. Connect the frames with two hinges, drilling pilot holes first.

**Step 7** Place the frame into your garden with the wire flower mesh on the inside of the frame, pushing its pointed feet into the ground to secure it in place, and plant your choice of veges.

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