



Touch of the blues

Mark Rayner makes transforming a terracotta pot with tiles easy.

You will need

- Terracotta pot
- Resene Terracotta Sealer
- Exterior construction glue
- Blue, aqua and yellow ceramic tiles
- Tile cutter and tile nipper
- Tape measure
- Dark grey exterior grout
- Bucket of clean water
- Latex gloves
- Sponge and clean, dry cloth
- Paintbrush

Safety first:

Always wear protective glasses or goggles when cutting tiles.



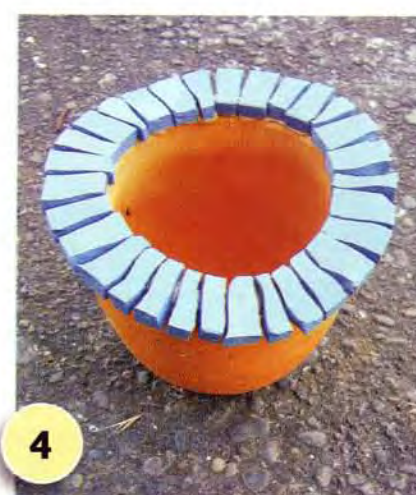
1 Apply a coat of Resene Terracotta Sealer to the inside and outside of the pot and allow to dry.



2 Measure the thickness of your pot's rim, and add to this, the thickness of your tiles. With the tile cutter, cut two of the blue tiles into strips as wide as the thickness of the rim and tiles combined.



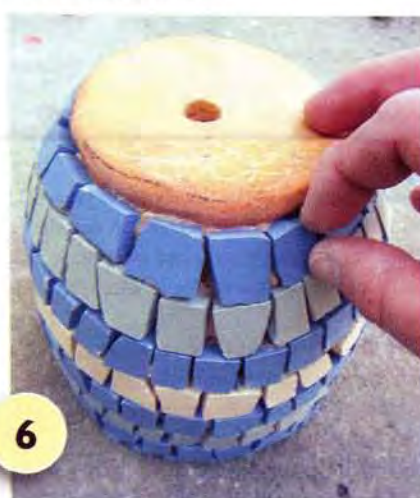
3 Cut the remaining tiles into 20mm strips and then use the tile nipper to cut both sets of strips into smaller rectangles.



4 Attach the pieces made from the strips in step two around the rim of the pot, as shown, fixing them into position with construction glue.



5 When the glue used in step four is dry, turn the pot upside down and apply a row of the 20mm blue tile pieces made from the strips cut in step three, as shown.



6 Continue to apply rows of 20mm tile pieces around the pot, alternating rows of blue, aqua and yellow, as shown. Allow to dry.



7 Wearing latex gloves, mix grout, according to manufacturer's instructions, and work into the gaps between tiles as shown.



8 Wipe off excess grout with a damp sponge, (rinse it frequently in clean water). When grout and mosaic pot are dry, any remove powdery residue with a clean, dry cloth.