



# Build a bamboo screen

Mark Rayner makes a garden screen you could use for sweet peas.

## You will need

- 70mm x 19mm colonial fence pickets (2 x 1.8m and 4 x 900mm)
- 11 x 1.8m bamboo canes
- 60mm galvanised jolt head nails
- Saw and drill with 2.5mm drill bit
- Tape measure, pencil and set square
- Exterior PVA glue
- Sandpaper, paintbrush and paint stirrer
- Resene waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Grey Green

## Other ideas:

This bamboo screen can also be used as a support frame for other small climbers, such as ivy-leaved pelargoniums or nasturtiums.



1 Measure and cut the four 900mm fence pickets to 750mm long, as shown.



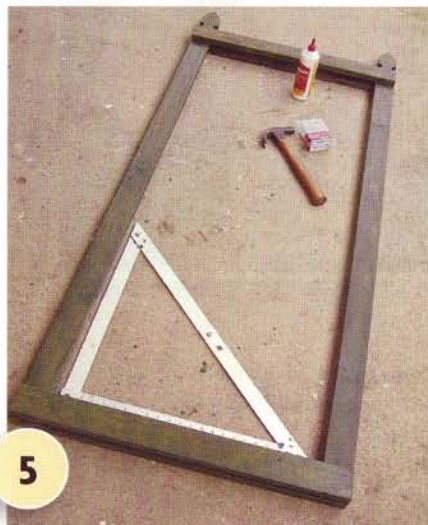
2 Smooth the rough cut edges with sandpaper.



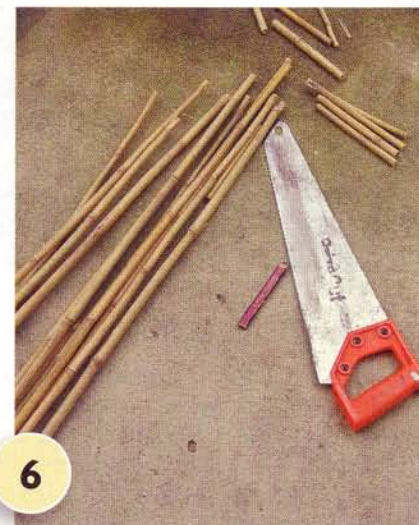
3 Gently stir the Resene Grey Green Woodsman with a paint stirrer.



4 Apply two coats of Resene Grey Green Woodsman to the fence pickets, brushing in the direction of the grain. Allow 24 hours for each coat to dry.



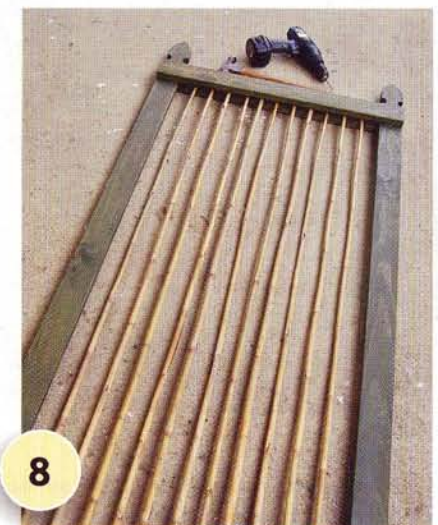
5 Create a rectangular frame by fixing the four short and two long pickets together with 60mm nails and PVA glue, ensuring the corners are square. Let the glue dry.



6 Measure and cut bamboo canes to fit the frame (approx. 1.64m lengths). Measure and mark the central point along the frame's bottom and top edges.



7 Slide a bamboo cane into position, aligning it with each mark. Drill a pilot hole through the frame's bottom edge and into the cane. Fix the cane with a 60mm nail.



8 Continue in the same way, fixing canes at the top and bottom, making sure they are equally spaced at approximately 50mm apart.