

Dahlia stand

Jacob Leaf makes a dahlia stand.

You will need

- One 25mm X 25mm X 1500mm treated garden stake
- 4m of Number 8 wire

Paint test pots

- Resene Dust Storm
- Resene Putty
- Resene Smokescreen

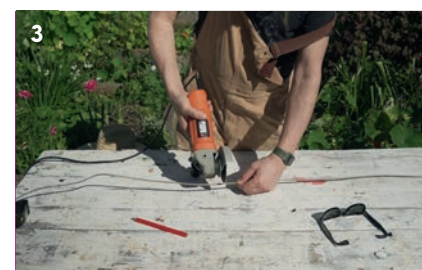
Tools

- Sandpaper
- Paintbrush
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Drill
- 6mm drill bit
- Angle grinder with cut-off disc or hacksaw
- Angle grinder with grinding disc or hand file
- Bench vice
- Hammer

Cut list

- 2 x Number 8 wire hoops, each 1300mm long

Cost: \$6 excluding Resene products.



Step 1

Sand, prime and paint the garden stakes.

Step 2

This dahlia support has two adjustable hoops, for the bottom hoop, make three marks for drilling from the bottom at 500mm, 550mm and 600mm. For the top hoop, make three marks for drilling at 1100mm, 1150mm and 1200mm. Drill the holes with a 6mm drill bit (slightly thicker than the wire).

Step 3

Cut the wire into two 1300mm lengths (or more if you plan on having more hoops) with a cut-off disc or hacksaw, then grind off the sharp edges with a grinding disc or hand file.

Step 4

With the vice, hammer and fold a right angle 20mm in from one end of the wire, then another right angle folding the wire in on itself at 50mm. Then just repeat this step for any additional hoops.

Step 5

Thread the long end of the wire through the lower hole, pull it all the way through. Lock the bent section into the middle hole, curve the long section of wire back around on itself to form a hoop, push the hoop end through the top hole to lock it in place. Repeat this step any additional hoops.

Video

To watch the video, search for “dahlia stand” on play.stuff.co.nz. ■



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