

Build a barrier



Top tip: You can use this technique to create larger garden screens, but in areas with high wind it is advisable to sink the posts into concrete for extra stability.

Mark Rayner shows how to construct a useful garden screen.

You will need:

- Piece of zincalume or colorsteel measuring approximately 820mm x 1250mm
- Two 100mm x 75mm x 1800mm treated fenceposts.
- Four lengths of 100mm x 50mm treated timber: 1 at 720mm; 3 at 870mm
- Drill and drill bits.
- Spade
- Spirit level
- Tape measure
- Hammer
- 100mm galvanised joit head nails
- 40mm galvanised flathead nails
- Resene Galvo One galvanised steel primer
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to the following colours:
 - Resene Prussian Blue
 - Resene Norwester
 - Mineral turpentine.



1 Prime both sides of the zincalume or colorsteel panel (if painting it) with a coat of Resene Galvo One (use Resene Galvo-Prime with brand new zincalume). Allow to dry for 12 hours. Clean out brush.



2 Apply two coats of Resene Norwester to both sides of the panel (if painting it), allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



3 Dig a hole about 500mm deep and position the first fencepost. Use a spirit level to ensure the post is upright and fill in the soil around the base of the post, compacting the soil as you go.



4 Repeat step 3 and position the second fencepost 720mm away from the first. Rest an offcut of wood across the tops of both posts and use a spirit level to ensure both posts are the same height.



5 Attach a longer cut length of 100mm x 50mm timber across the tops of the posts with 100mm nails (drill pilot holes first). Fix the short length of 100mm x 50mm between the posts about 1250mm from the top edge by 'skew' nailing it at an angle (drill pilot holes first).



6 On the right-facing side, nail the two remaining cut lengths of 100mm x 50mm across the top and bottom of the frame (drill pilot holes first). Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the entire frame, allowing one hour to dry.



7 Apply two coats of Resene Prussian Blue to the entire frame, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



8 Fix the painted panel to the back of the frame, nailing with 40mm flathead nails along the top and bottom edges. Spot prime and paint the nail heads.