

Take a seat

Create a focal point in your garden with this Japanese-style bench.



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You will need:

- 300mm x 50mm tanalised timber (4.5m)
- 100mm x 100mm fence post
- 1 x 1800mm fence paling
- Resene Quick Dry Acrylic Primer Undercoat
- Resene Lumbersider in Resene Nero
- Resene Lumbersider in Resene Red Berry
- Exterior wood glue
- 50mm galvanised nails (approx 40)
- 100mm galvanised nails (approx 20)
- Skilsaw
- Hammer
- Paint brush
- Sander
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- 90 degree set square



1 WITH the tape measure, pencil and set square, mark the 300mm x 50mm timber into five 90mm lengths, then cut to size with the skilsaw. This will form the seat.



2 CUT eight 200mm lengths from the fence paling to form the seat dividers. Cut four 320mm lengths from the fence post to form the base plinths.



3 PRIME the seat planks with one coat of Resene Quick Dry Acrylic Primer Undercoat. Prime all the edges and ends of the paling dividers and base plinths.



4 GLUE the bare wood faces of the base plinths together using exterior wood glue. Allow to dry completely.



5 ATTACH the dividers to each seating plank with glue and 50mm galvanised nails, positioning them 100mm in from each end.



6 PAINT with two coats of Resene Nero, leaving edges of the seat and the front of dividers unpainted, as shown.



7 ATTACH seating planks together with glue and 100mm galvanised nails, ensuring nails go through both the planks and dividers.



8 PAINT the edges of the bench with three coats of Resene Red Berry. Glue the seat on to the two sections of base, in line with the dividers. Allow to dry.