

It's easy to create some extra shelf space in the kitchen by extending an existing windowsill.

★★★ Difficulty level ★ easy ★★ moderate ★★★ challenging

Weekend DIY with Mark Rayner – 42

You will need:

- 100mm screws
- Clean cloth
- Drill with drill bits
- Filler
- Length of dressed timber to match windowsill (ours measured 50mm x 50mm)
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Putty knife (or similar)
- PVA glue
- Resene Enamacryl tinted to Resene Alabaster
- Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner
- Resene Quick Dry
- Saw
- Sanding block with sandpaper
- Screwdriver
- Set square
- Tape measure



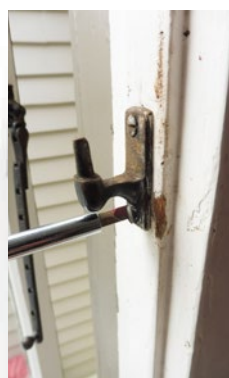
Step one

Measure, mark and cut a piece of wood to fit the front of the windowsill. Sand smooth any rough edges.



Step two

Attach the piece of wood to the front of the windowsill, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and 100mm screws. Drill pilot holes first and countersink the heads.



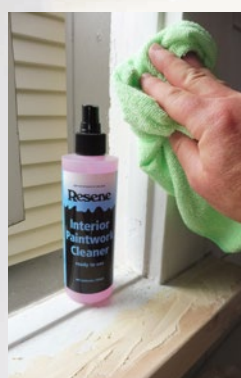
Step three

Remove window catches.



Step four

Fill screw heads and any gaps with filler and allow to dry.



Step five

Wipe the paintwork clean using Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner and a clean cloth, following product instructions.



Step six

Sand any filled areas smooth and wipe off sanding residue with a clean cloth.



Step seven

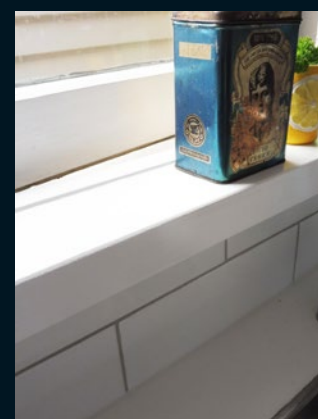
Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to any bare wood and filled areas. Allow two hours to dry.



Step eight

Apply two coats of Resene Enamacryl to the entire windowsill and frame, allowing two hours for each coat to dry. Replace window catches.

To get the look:
Mark painted the walls with Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen Kitchen & Bathroom tinted to Resene Alabaster.



Other ideas:
Create a strong accent by painting the windowsill with a brightly contrasting colour such as Resene Get Reddy.

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