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# SEED STORAGE

Build a sturdy little box to keep your seed packets organised and easily accessible.

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## YOU WILL NEED

### Materials

- Scrap timber, enough for the following sizes:
  - 200mm x 175mm (x 2) for side panels
  - 360mm x 175mm (x 2) for front and back panels
  - 360mm x 235mm (x 2) for top and bottom panels
- 210mm x 140mm thin wood divider panels (x 2)
- Hinges (x 2)
- Latch
- Nails
- Resene testpot (we used Resene Seaweed)
- Resene wallpaper – use an offcut from your wallpapering project or buy a roll and use for this and other projects
- Sandpaper
- Screws
- Wood filler
- Wood glue

### Tools

- Clamps
- Hammer
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Wood burning kit

Adjust your measurements to create a box large or small enough to fit your seed collection. We created three sections to allow us to split our seeds into flowers, herbs and edibles, but you can create as many sections as needed.

**Step 1** Cut your timber to the sizes listed, or to your plans. (We used pine and plywood offcuts.)

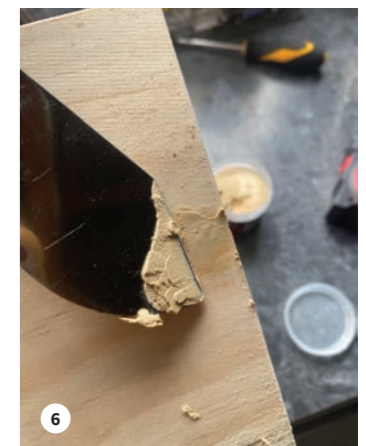
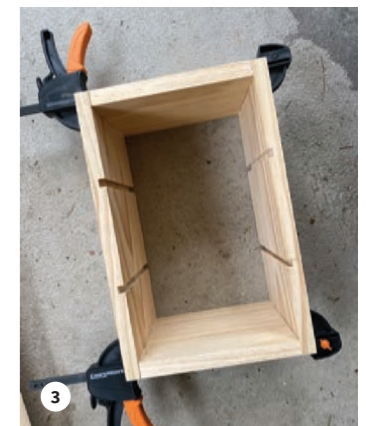
**Step 2** Cut out a 5mm-deep groove, 120mm in from each short edge of the front and back panels. This will be where the dividers slide into, so make sure the groove is wide enough for them to slot in place.

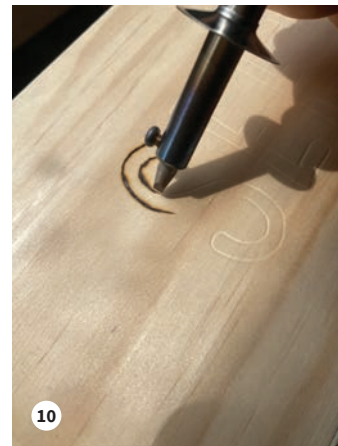
**Step 3** Using wood glue, join the two side panels and the front and back panels together. Strengthen with a few small nails and clamp together.

**Step 4** Once dry, use the same method to attach the top and bottom panels to the box, once again clamping together and allowing to dry.

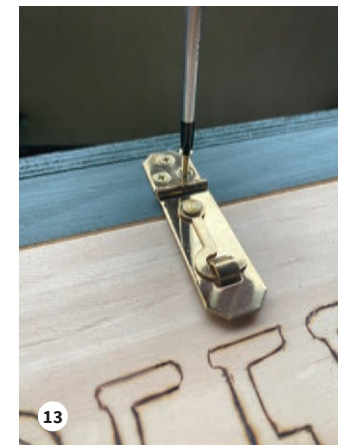
**Step 5** Using a table saw (or a hand saw), cut off the top of the box to create a lid (approx. 4cm from the top). Rotate the box to cut one side at a time and make sure you avoid any nails.

**Step 6** Use wood filler to fill in all the nail holes.





We made the middle section wider so that larger vegetable seed packets, such as beans, can fit.



**Step 7** Once the filler has dried, sand over the filler until you get a smooth finish, flush with the surface of the wood. Also sand any sharp edges and corners.

**Step 8** Cut the Resene wallpaper to size and glue it onto the top of the lid.

**Step 9** Apply two coats of Resene Seaweed to all four sides of the lid, allowing each coat to dry.

**Step 10** Either use a wood burning pen to burn the word 'seeds' on the front of the box or paint it on with a Resene testpot (either way, use a pencil to sketch the letters out first).

**Step 11** Slot the dividers in place.

**Step 12** Position the lid on top of the box, the same way it was cut, for a perfect fit. Join the two together using hinges at the back, as shown.

**Step 13** Close the lid and screw the latch into position on the opposite side to the hinges.

**Step 14** Organise your seed packets, depending on how it will be easiest for you to find what you need. We split our seeds into three sections – veges, herbs and flowers – and sorted each alphabetically. You could also create labelled tab dividers out of cardboard to help keep things organised.

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## Grouping suggestions

1. Sort alphabetically
2. Sort by plant type
3. Sort by perennial, annual and edible varieties
4. Split those that need to be started indoors vs planted directly outside
5. Sort by planting season/month
6. Group old seeds that need to be used first