

Let there be **light**

Mark Rayner shows how to make a solar light into a distinctive wall feature.

You will need

- Solar Coach Light with metal 'shepherd hook' hanger (ours came Mitre10 Mega).
- Sandpaper
- 2 lengths of 25mm x 50mm treated battening cut to 400mm and 50mm lengths
- Hammer and screwdriver
- Drill with drill bits
- Stainless steel screw eye
- 40mm stainless steel screws
- Exterior PVA glue
- 40mm galvanised nails
- Paintbrush
- Resene Smooth Surface Sealer
- Resene Testpot of Resene Midnight Moss
- Resene Quick Dry
- Resene Sandtex Mediterranean effect

Note: Allow all coats of sealer and paint two hours' drying time.

To get the look: Mark painted the background shed wall with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Dairy Cream

Top tip: Solar lights need plenty of direct sunlight to charge up during the day, so put the lamp where it will get lots of sun.



1 Lightly sand the top and base of the light to provide a key for the paint.



2 Apply one coat of Resene Smooth Surface Sealer to the top and base of the light.



3 For the wall bracket, partly drill a 10mm hole in the centre of the smaller batten piece and then attach it to the base of the longer batten length, as shown. Fix with PVA glue and 40mm nails.



4 Attach the screw eye to the other end of the longer length of batten, drilling a pilot hole first. Lightly sand the screw eye to provide a key.



5 Apply a coat of Resene Smooth Surface Sealer to the screw eye and apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the wooden bracket.



6 Apply one coat of Resene Mediterranean effect to the wooden bracket and also to the top and base of the lamp, as shown. Dab the paint on to create a textured effect. Allow to dry.



7 Apply two coats of Resene Midnight Moss to the base and top of the lamp and the wooden bracket and fix the bracket to a fence or wall with stainless steel screws. Drill pilot holes first.



8 Spot prime and paint the bracket screw heads and then hang the lamp on the hook, feeding the pole end through the screw eye and fixing it firmly into the hole in the bottom of the wooden bracket.