

balcony herb planter

Short on space? These moveable planters are ideal for hanging over balcony or deck railings.

You will need:

- Rough sawn tanalised timber (6 x 600mm x 150mm x 19mm; 4 x 188mm x 150mm x 19mm)
- 1 stainless steel flat bar (200mm x 32mm x 3mm).
- 12 roofing bolts (30mm x 8mm)
- Washers
- Galvanised nails or screws
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Black (or check out the new Resene Lumbersider colour chart of muddy earth hues)
- Saw
- Hack saw
- Metal and wood drill
- Metal file
- Metal vice
- Hammer
- Sandpaper
- Plastic for lining boxes



NOTE: Measurements are for two planters and for a railing width of 900mm.



1 CUT timber to size. A circular or hand saw can be used, or ask your local building supplier to cut the wood to length. Sand edges with sandpaper.



2 NAIL side, bottom and end pieces together to form two planter boxes. You can also use screws for greater strength.



3 PAINT the boxes with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Black. Allow to dry, then apply a second coat. Resene Lumbersider is self-priming on bare wood.



4 CUT four 500mm lengths from the steel bar using a hacksaw. File edges. Drill three holes in each length (see 7, which shows the bottom of the box, for spacing).



5 HOLD the steel pieces up against the box and mark where each section is to bend. Using a vice, bend the steel pieces, finishing off with a hammer.



6 TO get an accurate measurement for the last bend, hold the steel pieces over the balcony rail and mark the bend with a pencil.



7 FIX steel pieces using bolts and washers (picture shows box upside down). Stagger the brackets to ensure the boxes fit back to back on the rail (see main picture).



8 DRILL drainage holes, then line boxes with plastic, making holes in the plastic for drainage. For more on paints phone 0800 RESENE or visit www.resene.co.nz