

★★★ Difficulty level ★ easy ★★ moderate ★★★ challenging Fun with furniture with Mark Rayner – 32

### You will need:

- 18mm plywood
- Clamps
- Damp sponge
- Old MDF shelving unit
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- PVA glue
- Resene Aquaclear satin
- Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta
- Resene Quick Dry
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Small pieces of wood or MDF
- Tape measure



**Step one**  
Lightly sand the MDF unit.



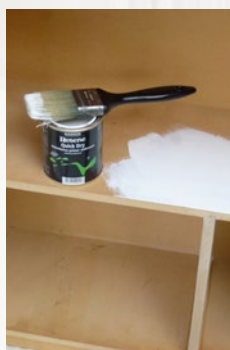
**Step two**  
Wipe off any sanding dust with a lightly damp sponge.



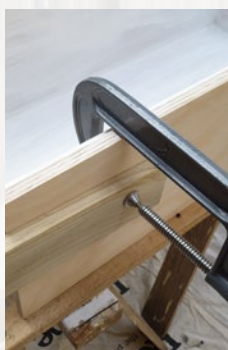
**Step three**  
Measure, mark and cut the piece of plywood to form a new top, ensuring a 10mm overhang along the side and front edges.



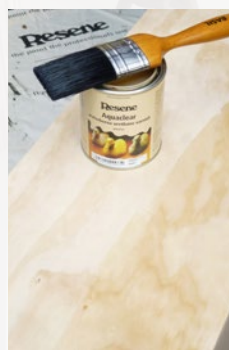
**Step four**  
Carefully sand the piece of plywood, running in the direction of the grain, smoothing any rough edges. Wipe off any sanding residue with a lightly damp sponge.



**Step five**  
Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the MDF unit and allow two hours to dry.



**Step six**  
Fix the piece of plywood to the top of the unit with PVA glue and hold in position with clamps until the glue has dried. Use small pieces of wood or MDF to protect the plywood, as shown.



**Step seven**  
Apply three coats of Resene Aquaclear satin to the plywood top, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



**Step eight**  
Apply two coats of Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta to the primed MDF, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

Give an old MDF shelving unit a new lease of life by adding a stylish plywood top.



### To get the look:

Mark painted the background wall with Resene SpaceCote Flat tinted to Resene Eighth Canterbury Clay.



### Other ideas:

For a darker effect, colour the plywood top with a stain from the Resene Colorwood range before applying the Resene Aquaclear.

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