

Handy CADDY

Make your own portable gardening tool organiser.

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Keep gardening tools handy and avoid losing your hand trowels and twine with your own gardening caddy. You can create one easily using a few upcycled tins, painted in your favourite Resene colour. For the best result, combine a mix of tin sizes.

You need

- 8-10 clean empty tins
- Can opener
- Wood, approximately 35cm x 12cm in size and around 3cm thick
- Drill and medium drill bit
- Square screwdriver and screws
- Handle with screws
- Resene paint in a colour of your choice
- Paint brush

Method

Step 1: Run the can opener around the top of each tin to make sure all edges are smooth.

Step 2: Drill a small hole in each can, 1-2 cm below the top of the rim.

Step 3: Use screws to attach the cans to the sides, and each end, of the wood. Using a square screwdriver and screws means you don't need to pre-drill the wood.

Step 4: Paint all surfaces. Begin with Resene Galvo One as a primer to help your paint finish last longer. For the topcoats I used the hard-wearing Resene Enamacryl in the lovely smoky shade of Blue Bayoux. Or, for a range of colours you could use Resene testpots.

Step 5: Allow paint to dry before attaching a handle to the top edge of the wood. I used a light but sturdy old cabinet handle.



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