

fences

Staining a fence with Resene wood stains gives your whole home and garden a lift. A fence not only creates privacy and keeps pets in bounds but gives a property a sense of space with a clearly defined border. Make your fence a feature using a wood stain in a striking colour or help your fence blend into the environment by choosing a natural colour.

why wood stain?

Resene Waterborne Woodsman is a quick, easy fence staining option with very little preparation required. It's available in a wide range of colours, including CoolColours which reflect more heat – your plants will thank you for it. Resene Waterborne Woodsman is designed to be reapplied every couple of years, and although a paint such as Resene Lumbersider will last longer, there are some advantages to choosing a wood stain. While you need to maintain wood stains more regularly, often all that is needed is a quick wash then you can apply the stain. If fences are painted and left too long before maintenance, the paint may start peeling, which will need to be sanded back – a much bigger job!

Left: When painting a fence in a dark colour opt for a Resene CoolColour which contains special heat-reflective technology that will help protect the timber. Fence and vegetable planter stained in Resene Woodsman Treehouse.

 Resene
Space Shuttle



Far left: Darker fences will make green foliage pop, but which fence colour should you choose? The best way to test the colour is on a timber offcut or on a piece of fence that's not very visible. Pickets from left to right. Resene Pitch Black, Resene Charred Black, Resene Iroko, Resene Crowshead and Resene Bark and background in Resene Pickled Bluewood.

Left: If you like the look of black stains, but they don't suit the era or architecture of your house, brown is another good option. Deep browns like Resene Bark will blend well with hedges but also won't look out of place with heritage homes.

To prepare your fence for staining, treat any moss or algae using Resene Moss & Mould Killer before washing the fence with Resene Timber and Deck Wash, following the instructions on the pack.

fence colours

- Dark brown and black - Dark fences give a modern look and are an excellent option for establishing border gardens. Dark fences give gardens the illusion of depth and appear lush – and blacks and browns contrast nicely with bright greens making your plants stand out. Try Resene Crowshead, Resene Charred Black and Resene Pitch Black. Be wary; while black fences look great when bordered with

plants, they can look quite intimidating from the street so be considerate of height.

- **Green** – A green fence is a gardener's best friend, helping plants blend into the border and adding colour to the backyard even in the height of winter. Try Resene Earthsong, Resene Canopy and Resene Rangitoto.
- **Warm browns** – Warm browns help your fence blend into the landscape while bringing warmth in colder months. Try Resene Iroko or Resene Timberland.
- **Don't get fenced in** – Make your fence a statement by opting for a brighter colour. Try Resene Whero or Resene Japanese Maple, which look great paired with red roofs, a dark blue such as Resene Woody Bay looks gorgeous on the fences of heritage homes.



top tip

Old, weathered timber is often very dry and can soak in much more stain than new timber. It pays to buy a little more than you'd expect to use to ensure you don't run out. The first coat of stain will be absorbed more into the timber than subsequent coats, so you will usually find you use less stain on the second coat.

Resene Triple Bison Hide 



Resene Woodsman Warm Kwila

stain your fence in four easy steps:

1. To prepare your fence for staining, treat any moss or algae using Resene Moss & Mould Killer.
2. Wash the fence with Resene Timber and Deck Wash making sure to scrub well, following the instructions on the pack. Rinse well and allow to dry.
3. Apply the first coat of Resene Waterborne Woodsman (we used Resene Warm Kwila) using a large brush working from top to bottom on each paling. Allow to dry for 24 hours before applying a second coat.
4. If needed, use a cutting in brush to cut in between the palings and for details such as trellis.

