



Make a **potting bin**

Mark Rayner recycles an old school desk as a storage box for potting mix and gear.



You will need

- Old wooden school desk
- 9mm treated plywood
- Pencil
- Tape measure
- Cup hooks and tool clips
- 25mm galvanised nails
- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Saw
- Sandpaper
- Paintbrush
- PVA glue (exterior)
- Resene Quick Dry
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Grass Stain, Resene Spotlight and Resene Limerick



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Top tip: If the desk has been varnished or painted with an oil-based paint, prime it with Resene Waterborne Smooth Surface Sealer.



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For the bin sides, measure, mark and cut four pieces of plywood to fit around the desk. Sand rough edges smooth.



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Carefully knock out the base of the old school desk, as shown.



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Attach the pieces of plywood to the insides of the legs of the desk, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and nails. Allow the glue to dry.



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Lightly sand and remove loose or flaking paint from the desk and apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the entire unit. Allow two hours for it to dry.



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Apply two coats of Resene Spotlight to the front, sides and back of the unit, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



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Apply two coats of Resene Grass Stain to the top, undersides and inside of the unit, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



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Apply two coats of Resene Limerick to the legs of the unit, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



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Fix cup hooks and tool clips to the underside of the desk lid, making sure the lid closes cleanly when tools are clipped in place.