

DIY



Transform your patch

An old wooden fence and drab corner of the garden is transformed through the addition of a mini raised bed made from a macrocarpa sleeper.

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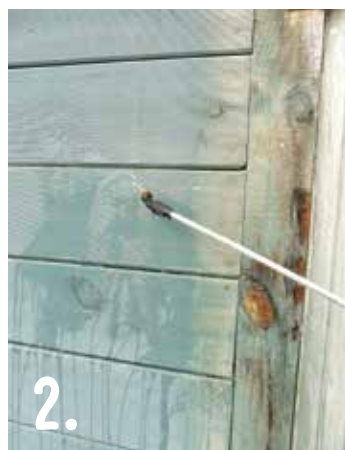
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You will need:

- 100mm x 200mm macrocarpa sleeper
- 150mm x 6mm galvanised flat head nails
- Bucket
- Circular saw
- Clamps
- Drill with 4mm drill bit
- Flowering shrub and potted colour
- Garden hose with clean running water
- Garden sprayer
- Good-quality topsoil or potting mix
- Hammer
- Offcuts of timber
- Paint stirrer
- Pencil
- Set square
- Spirit level
- Stiff-bristled brush
- Tape measure
- Paintbrushes
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Pipi
- Resene Moss & Mould Killer
- Resene Quick Dry
- Resene Timber and Deck Wash
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Japanese Maple



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TO GET THE LOOK

Mark planted the raised bed with a *Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price' and some yellow polyanthus for some instant winter cheer.



STEP ONE

In the garden sprayer, mix one part Resene Moss & Mould Killer to five parts clean water.

STEP TWO

Thoroughly soak the wooden fence with the solution and leave for 48 hours.

STEP THREE

Mix one part Resene Timber and Deck Wash to three parts clean water.

STEP FOUR

Scrub the wooden fence vigorously with the solution using a stiff-bristled brush.

STEP FIVE

Rinse the wooden fence with clean water and allow to dry.

STEP SIX

Prime the wooden fence with one coat of Resene Quick Dry and allow two hours to dry.

STEP SEVEN

Apply two coats of Resene Pipi to the wooden fence, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

STEP EIGHT

Measure and mark the macrocarpa sleeper into two pieces to make the walls of the raised bed.

STEP NINE

Create a 'cutting fence' by clamping an offcut of timber across the macrocarpa sleeper, as shown, to ensure the cutting line is straight. As the sleeper will be too thick to cut from one side, turn it over and repeat this step.



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STEP TEN

Place the two pieces of sleeper into position at a right angle and fix at the corner with 150mm nails, drilling pilot holes first.

STEP ELEVEN

Ensure the raised bed is level and then fix to the fence by nailing through the back of each end of the sleeper at an angle, drilling pilot holes first.

STEP TWELVE

Carefully stir the Resene Waterborne Woodsman with a paint stirrer.

STEP THIRTEEN

Apply one full coat of Resene Waterborne Woodsman to the raised bed and allow to dry before applying a second coat, if required.

STEP FOURTEEN

Fill the raised bed with good quality potting mix or topsoil and plant up with a flowering shrub and potted colour.



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TOP TIP

As this existing fence was built from landscaping timber (which is H4 treated) it's suitable for prolonged contact with bare soil. If your fencing timber is only H3 treated, however, it may be necessary to build a back and additional side to the raised bed to prevent the fence coming in direct contact with soil.



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