

Time for a cuppa

Transform a humble terracotta plant pot into this stylish coffee table, great for an early morning cuppa on a warm summer morning.

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Outdoor Coffee Table

You will need

- › A low-growing drought-tolerant plant (we used a jelly bean plant, Sedum rubrotinctum).
- › A pre-cut piece of clear acrylic or safety glass for the tabletop (ours measured 570mm x 570mm)
- › A square or rectangular terracotta plant pot (ours measured 370mm width x 370mm depth x 300mm height)
- › Good quality potting mix
- › Gravel
- › Paint stirrer
- › Paintbrush
- › Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Artemis
- › Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer
- › Trowel

Instructions

1. Carefully stir the Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer.
2. Apply a generous coat of Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer to the inside and outside of the terracotta plant pot and allow to dry.
3. Carefully stir the Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Artemis.
4. Apply one coat of Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Artemis to the inside and outside of the terracotta plant pot and allow to dry.
5. Apply a second coat of Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Artemis to the inside and outside of the terracotta plant pot and allow to dry.
6. Fill the terracotta plant pot to approximately 150mm below the rim with good quality potting mix.
7. Place your low-growing drought-tolerant plant in the centre of the terracotta plant pot, as shown, and gently firm the surrounding potting mix.
8. Carefully apply a 30mm gravel mulch over the top of the potting mix, as shown.
9. Place the piece of clear acrylic or safety glass in the centre of the terracotta plant pot, as shown, to form the tabletop.

Tip

Being drought tolerant, the plant shouldn't require much water but, when necessary, simply lift off the tabletop to give your plant a drink.

To get the look

Mark painted the background stucco wall with Resene AquaShield tinted to Resene Pipi.