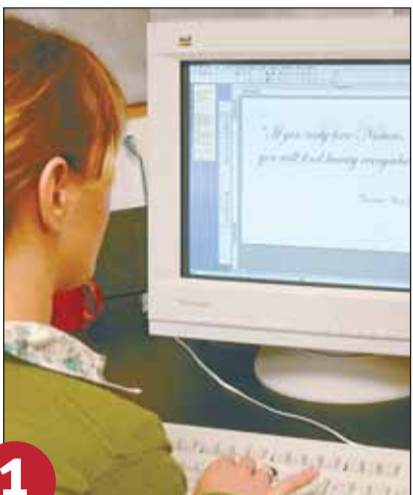




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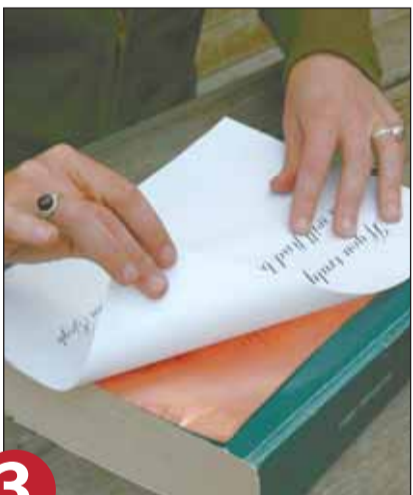
XANTHE WHITE makes an engraved copper plaque to add personality to a quiet corner of the garden. The quotation by Vincent Van Gogh reads: "If you truly love Nature, you will find beauty everywhere."



1 CHOOSE a garden saying. Use a computer to print it out in big type, creating a template to trace around.



2 MEASURE a piece of copper to cover your piece of wood. Cut it to size with a pair of tin snips.



3 PLACE the copper sheet on top of an old phonebook and lay the type template on top. Sellotape into place.



4 USE a pencil to trace over the type template, pressing down hard to leave a strong imprint in the copper sheet.



you will need:

- A 20 x 30cm piece of plywood
- Wooden stake
- Resene Lumbersider
- tinted to Resene Black
- Paintbrush
- Hammer
- Nails
- Copper sheeting
- Pencil
- Drawing pins
- Tin snips
- Sellotape



5 REMOVE the paper template to reveal the engraved plaque. It will develop a lovely patina outdoors.



6 PAINT the wooden base and stake with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Black. Leave to dry.



7 USE a hammer to nail the painted wooden plaque base and the wooden stake together.



8 USE drawing pins to attach the copper sheet to the base. Decorate the stake with a strip of copper.