

Ready to pop in pansies



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Mark Rayner shows how to put together a stunning planter for a seasonal show of pansies.

You will need:

22mm treated plywood cut to the following dimensions:

- 4 of 400mm x 400mm for sides
- 1 of 400mm x 366mm for base
- 50mm x 50mm treated timber cut to four 80mm lengths (for the feet)

Resene testpots in the following colours:

- Resene Paua
- Resene Violent Violet
- Resene Blue Gem
- Resene House White
- Resene Turbo
- Resene Woodstock
- Resene Black
- Resene Multishield+ gloss

- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Portage
- Exterior PVA glue
- 40mm galvanised jolt head nails
- Pencil
- Hammer
- Paint brushes (including artists' brushes)
- Drill and drill bit
- Exterior filler
- Sandpaper
- Large square plastic plant pot (measuring approx 350mm x 350mm x 350mm)



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Using the plywood pieces cut as listed above, assemble the four sides of the planter using PVA and galvanised nails. Then position the base and fix it with PVA glue and galvanised nails. Drill drainage holes in the base.



2

Fill any holes or imperfections in the plywood with exterior filler. Once dry, sand smooth with sandpaper.



3

Turn upside down and fix the feet into position with PVA glue. Leave to dry overnight.



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Prime the planter with one coat of Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat and allow to dry for one hour. Paint the planter with two coats of Resene Portage, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



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Turn the planter on its back and paint a large pansy shape onto the front with Resene Paua. Allow to dry and mark the shapes of the petals with Resene Violent Violet, as shown.



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Use a 'dry brush' technique to fill in the lighter patterning of each pansy petal with Resene Blue Gem. Once this is dry, paint in the central pattern using Resene Black. Allow to dry.



7

Paint the central 'eye' of the pansy using Resene Turbo, Resene House White and Resene Woodstock. Allow to dry for two hours.



8

Apply three coats of Resene Multishield+ gloss to the entire planter, allowing two hours for each coat to dry. Place the plastic plant pot inside the planter and fill with good quality potting mix.

To get the look:

Mark planted up the planter with blue and purple pansies and painted the background wall with Resene Paua.

Top tip: When painting the pansy design use an actual pansy flower for reference.

Note: If the dimensions of your plastic plant pot differ from those above, adjust the cut measurements of the plywood accordingly.