

Pretty in pink

Mark Rayner shows how to get the best from pelargoniums and other scrambling plants with this planter and support.

You will need:

- Small wooden planter
- 20mm x 20mm garden stakes cut to the following dimensions
- 3 x 600mm
- 10 x 230mm
- Saw
- Sandpaper
- Hammer
- 30mm zinc plated panel pins or galvanised nails
- Exterior PVA glue
- Paintbrush
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Cabaret
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Geronimo
- An ivy-leaved and a regal pelargonium. 'Dresdner Samolit' and 'Frulingszauber'
- Potting mix

Other options

Use this planter also for dwarf peas or sweetpeas, blue-flowered *Convolvulus sabatius*, or a miniature climbing rose and lobelia.



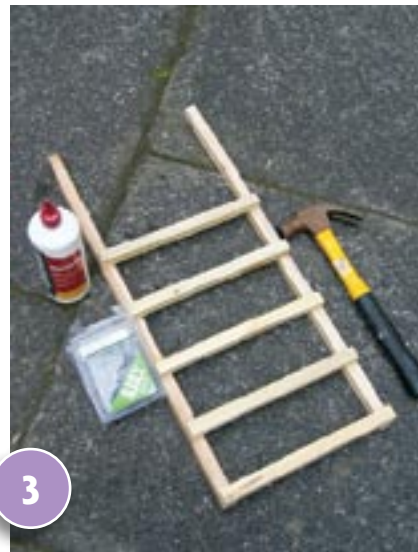
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1 Measure and cut the garden stakes to the dimensions listed above.



2 Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.



3 Nail and glue five of the shorter lengths of wood to two of the longer lengths, as shown, spacing them approximately 75mm apart.



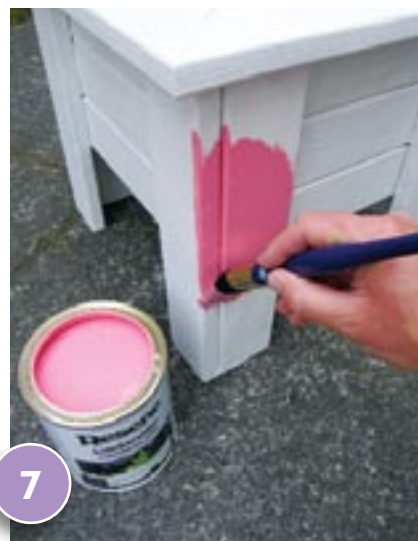
4 Attach the other lengths of wood in the same way to make a right-angled support, as shown.



5 Nail and glue the support to the wooden planter, as shown.



6 Apply one coat of Quick Dry primer to the planter and wooden support. Allow to dry for one hour.



7 Apply two coats of Resene Cabaret to the wooden support and sides and legs of the planter, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



8 Apply two coats of Resene Geronimo to the planter's top rim, allowing two hours for each coat to dry. Fill with potting mix. Plant the ivy-leaved pelargonium against the support and the regal one in front.