

Turn to stone

Mark Rayner shows how to transform a plastic planter with a subtle masonry effect.

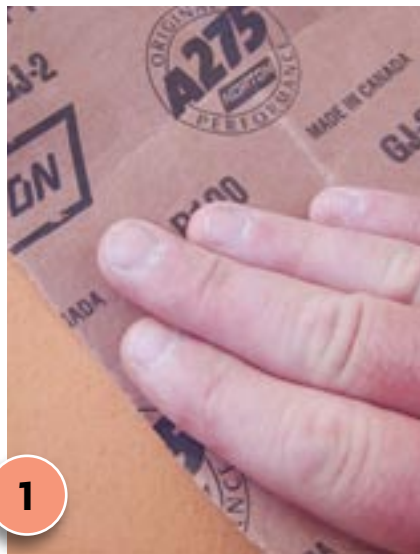
You will need:

- Plastic plant pot
- Paintbrush
- Sandpaper
- Clean builders sand
- Wooden paint stirrer
- Resene Waterborne Smooth Surface Sealer
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Tuna
- Resene testpots in the following colours:
- Resene Shuttle Grey
- Resene Waterloo
- Resene Greywacke
- Resene Sandtex
- Resene Multishield + flat

To get the look Mark planted the pot with cerise cyclamen and finished it off with a grey pebble mulch. The background wall is painted with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Bismark.



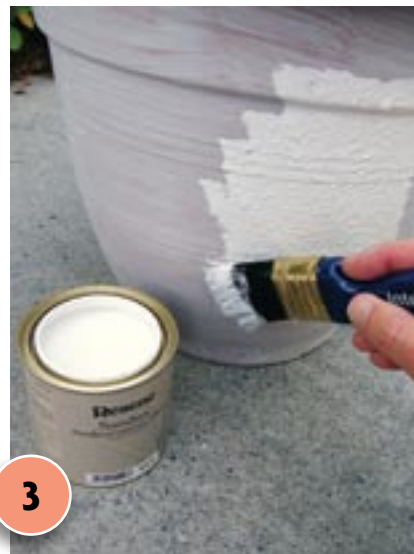
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1 Lightly sand the outside, rim and inner rim of the pot to provide a key so paint will adhere to the surface.



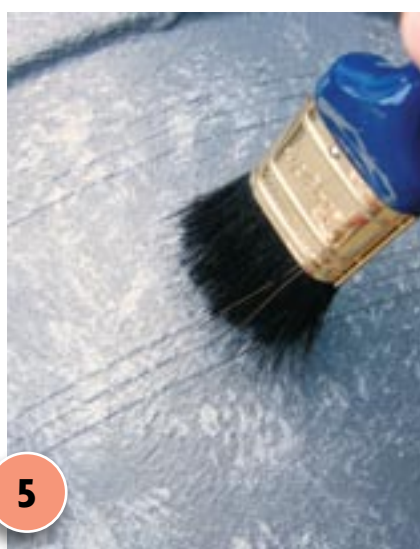
2 Apply one coat of Resene Waterborne Smooth Surface Sealer to the outside, rim and inner rim of the pot and allow to dry for two hours.



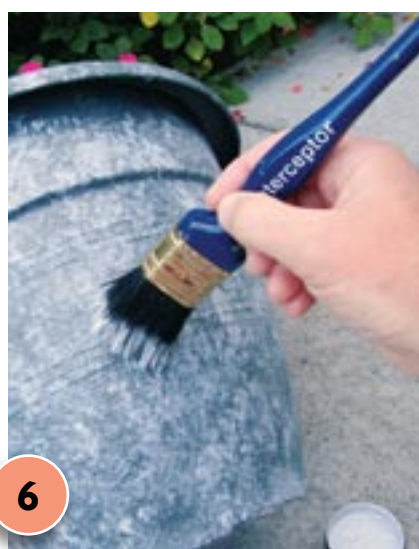
3 Using a stippling (or dabbing) technique, apply one coat of Resene Sandtex to the outside, rim and inner rim of the pot and allow to dry.



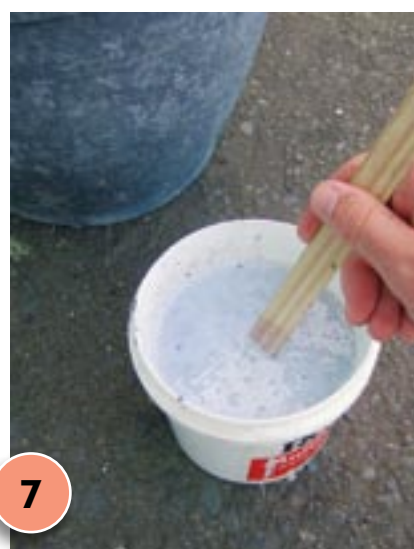
4 Apply two coats of Resene Tuna to the outside, rim and inner rim of the pot, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



5 Create a mottled effect by using a dry brush to dab the outside, rim and inner rim of the pot with Resene Shuttle Grey and Resene Waterloo.



6 Use the same technique to lightly stipple the outside, rim and inner rim of the pot with Resene Greywacke. Allow to dry for two hours.



7 Carefully mix approximately 1 cup of builders sand into the Resene Multishield+ and stir with the wooden stirrer.



8 Apply two coats of the Multishield+ and sand mix to the pot's outside, rim and inner rim, lightly dabbing to avoid brushstrokes. Allow two hours for each coat to dry.

Other planting ideas For a seasonal splash of colour, you could also pot up with other spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, tulips and hyacinths.