

# Raise 'em up

Mark Rayner makes a small, easy-to-build raised bed for veggies, herbs or flowers.

## You will need:

- 31 reclaimed or new retaining wall blocks
- Timber for edging (we used 50mm x 100mm treated timber).
- Garden pegs or 100mm galvanised nails to fix edging in place.
- Weedmat and weedmat pins or pegs
- Resene Moss & Mould killer and clean water to mix
- Garden sprayer
- Craft knife.
- Shovel or spade and rake.
- Good quality potting mix
- 40mm stones
- Flower or veggie seedlings (we used pansies and polyanthus).

## To get the look

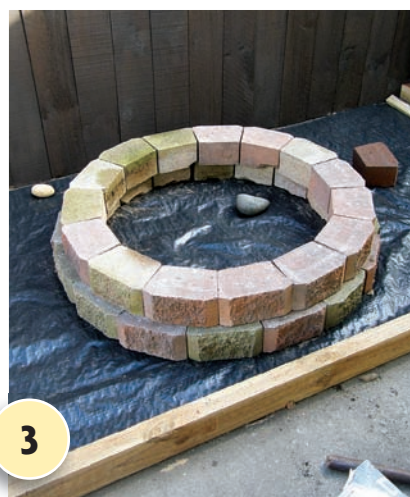
Mark stained the background fence with Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene English Walnut and painted the timber edging with Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Alabaster.



1 Prepare an area by removing weeds and levelling the ground. Then fix timber edging into position with garden pegs or by nailing the corners with 100mm nails.



2 Lay weedmat and fix down with weedmat pins or pegs. Then arrange 16 of the retaining wall blocks to form a circle, as shown.



3 Arrange a second layer of 15 blocks on top, as shown.



4 If necessary, spray the blocks generously with one part Resene Moss & Mould Killer mixed with five parts of clean water. After 48 hours, wash off with clean water.



5 Use a craft knife to cut the weedmat around the inner base of the retaining blocks, as shown. Remove this circle of weedmat.



6 Fill the raised bed with some good quality potting mix.



7 Spread some 40mm stones on the weedmat around the outside of the raised bed.



8 Plant up the bed with potted colour, as shown.