

summer days

Celebrate summer with these outdoor projects for littlies that are sure to brighten your backyard.



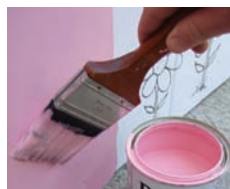
TIP: Tape joins of the playhouse with duct tape for added strength.

Projects designed by Mark Rayner



TIP: Plant a few seeds of easy-to-grow annuals such as marigolds or delicious summer strawberries.

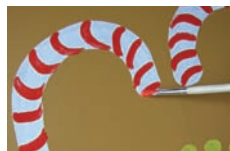
gingerbread house



STEP 1 Make or buy a cardboard playhouse. In this project we use a Kidsplace playhouse (www.kidsplace.co.nz) – assemble according to manufacturer's instructions.



STEP 2 Apply two coats of Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Illusion to the roof, door and window flaps, allowing two hours to dry between coats.



STEP 3 Apply two coats of Resene Brandy Punch to the walls, allowing two hours to dry between coats.



STEP 4 Let your littlies help decorate the walls and roof of the cottage. Paint striped candy canes with test pots of Resene Alabaster and Resene Bright Red, gingerbread folk with Resene Brandy Punch and daisies and grass with Resene Alabaster, Resene Broom and Resene Bilbao.

STEP 5 Stamp on 'pink icing sugar cookies' over the rest of the walls using Resene Illusion.

STEP 6 Once dry, create 'jam fillings' using a small brush and Resene Bright Red.



potted colour

STEP 1 Seal the inside and out of a terracotta pot with Resene Waterborne Aquapel (otherwise the paint will bubble off). Once dry, apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry primer undercoat to the outside and inner rim of the pot.

STEP 2 Apply two coats of Resene Wild Thing (test pot) to the outside and inner rim of the pot, allowing two hours to dry between coats.

STEP 3 Now the pot is prepared, let your child help decorate it. Using Resene testpots, paint a large head and neck with Resene Picton Blue and a shirt with Resene Kingfisher Daisy. Once dry, fill in the nose and mouth with Resene Black and teeth with Resene Alabaster.

STEP 4 Paint the whole pot with one coat of Resene Multishield+ Gloss. Once dry, glue on some eyes with PVA glue.

STEP 5 Cut and unravel some short lengths of green garden twine and stick into place to create hair using Multishield+ Gloss. Allow to dry.

* For products used for these pot designs, see 'Summer days' on www.littlies.co.nz under Littlies Activities/Resene. Terracotta pots used in this project available from The Warehouse (www.thewarehouse.co.nz) 0800 422 274.



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