DIY
BLACKBOARD CUPBOARD

Mark Rayner shows you how to create this nifty blackboard cupboard for the shed or garage – perfect for a 'to do' list for jobs around the house or garden.

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Mark stained the background shed wall with Resene Colorwood tinted to Resene Rock Salt and finished it off with three coats of Resene Aquaclear gloss.

YOU WILL NEED

Clean cloth
Old cupboard
Sandpaper and sanding block
Screwdriver
Sponge
Resene Blackboard Paint (Green)
Resene Colorwood Whitewash
Resene Enamacryl tinted to Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream
Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner
Resene Quick Dry
Paint stirrer
Paint tray and roller
Paintbrush
Wood filler (if necessary)
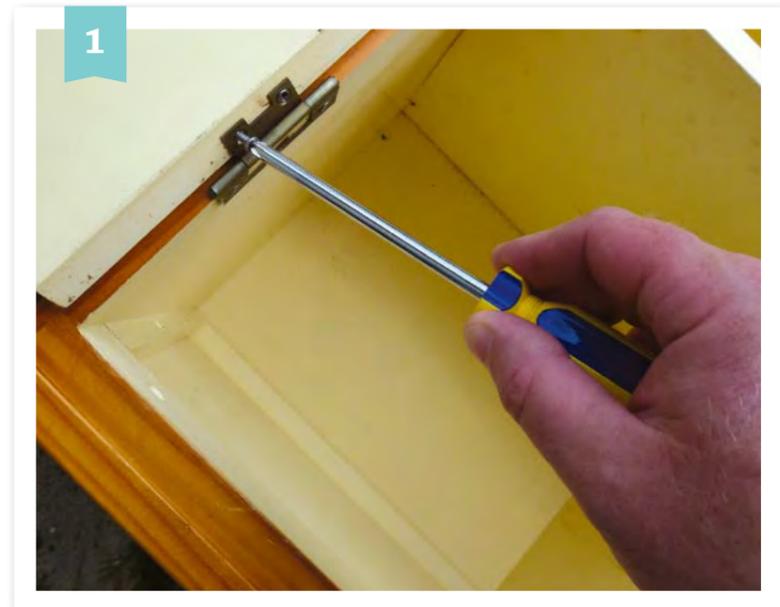
Remove handle, catches and hinges from the cupboard.

Clean the old paintwork and varnish with Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner, following instructions on the label.
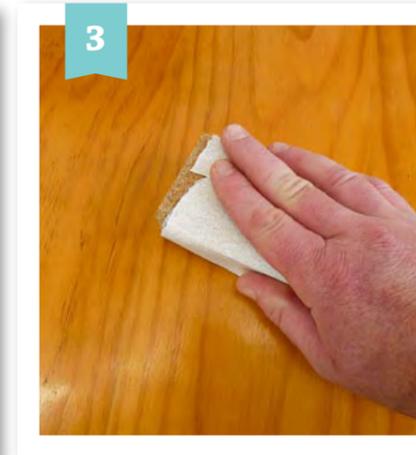
Lightly sand the old varnish and paintwork to 'key' the surface.
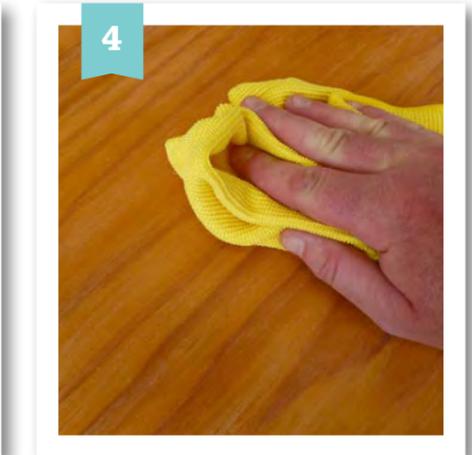
Wipe off any sanding residue with a clean cloth.

Fill any holes in the painted surfaces with wood filler and, once dry, sand smooth. Spot prime these and any areas of bare wood with Resene Quick Dry. Allow to dry.

Apply two coats of Resene Blackboard Paint to both sides and edges of the door, allowing each coat to dry for two hours.
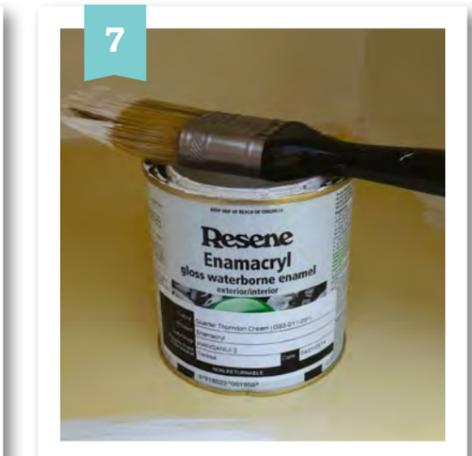
Apply two coats of Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream to the inside of the cupboard and the front and side edges of the base. Allow two hours for each coat to dry.

Carefully stir the Resene Colorwood Whitewash.

Apply one coat of Resene Colorwood Whitewash to the varnished parts of the cupboard (sides, top and front edges). Brush in the direction of the grain, as shown. Allow to dry.
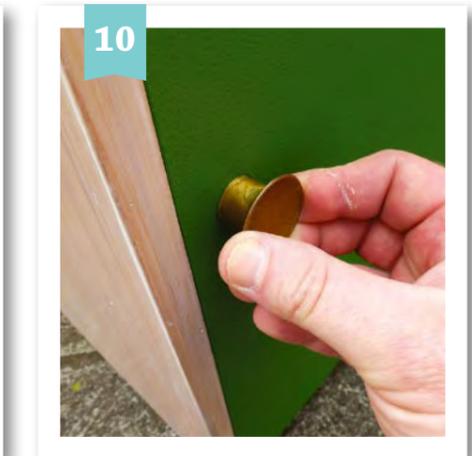
Replace the handle, catches and hinges on the cupboard.

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Make fabulous storage jars or tins for seeds and use chalk to label the contents. Paint some pots with Resene Blackboard Paint and create a brilliant indoor herb collection – again, write the name of each herb on the pot. Use Resene Blackboard Paint in the greenhouse to make re-usable plant tags for seed trays.