



DIY

WOOD STORAGE UNIT

Get ready for the colder months with this easy-to-build storage unit for cut firewood.

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You will need

- 65mm exterior screws
- 4 x 100mm x 75mm x 1800mm fence posts
- Treated fence palings precut to the following lengths:
 - 15 x 1800mm
 - 15 x 900mm
 - 7 x 800mm
 - 2 x 700mm
- Paint stirrer
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Bleached Riverstone
- Saw
- Screwdriver
- Set square
- Small offcuts of 50mm timber for spacers
- Tape measure

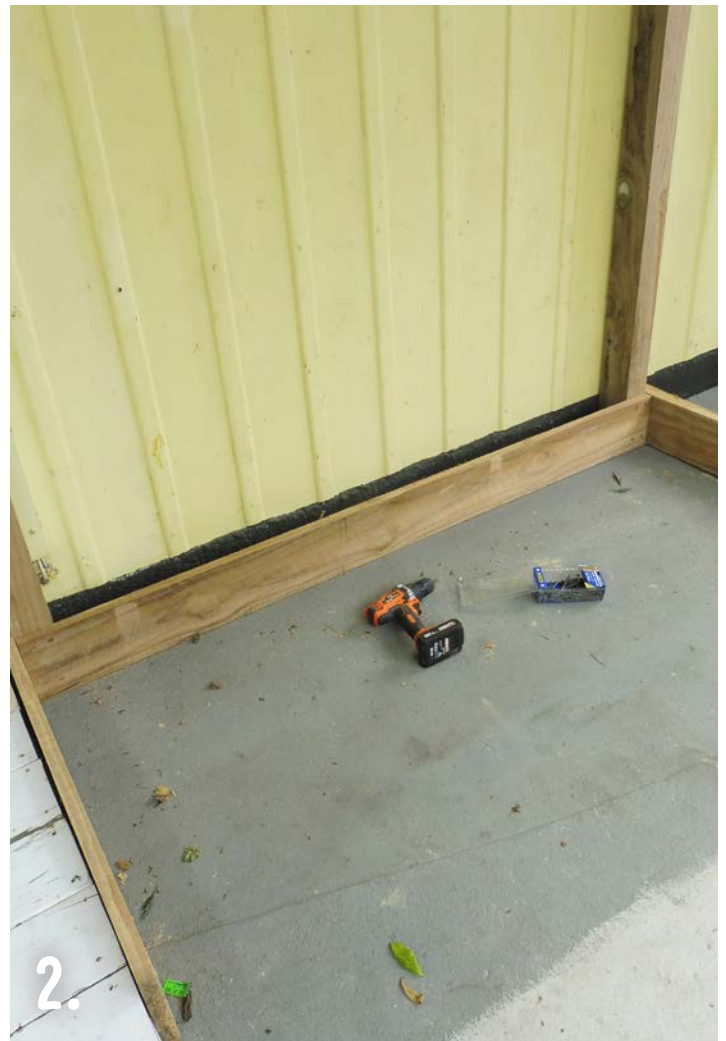


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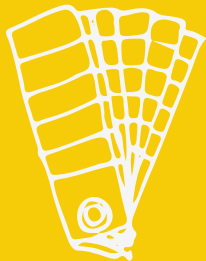


Here's another idea

Our unit was built under a carport, but if yours is more exposed you may want to include a roof and doors – these can also be made from treated fence palings.



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To get the look

Mark painted the concrete with Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path tinted to Resene Traffic.

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STEP ONE

Attach two of the 900mm lengths of timber perpendicular to the base of two of the fence posts, as shown, fixing with 65mm screws. Use a set square to ensure they are at right angles.

STEP TWO

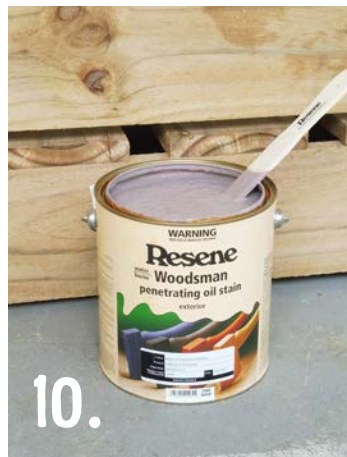
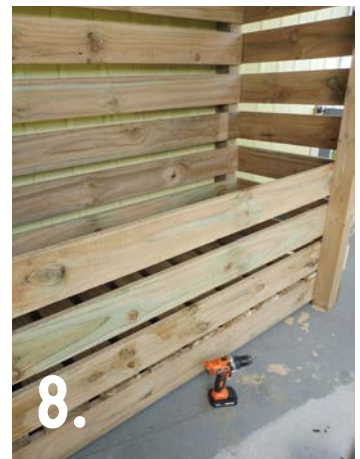
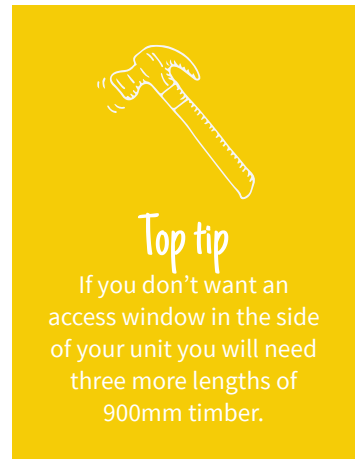
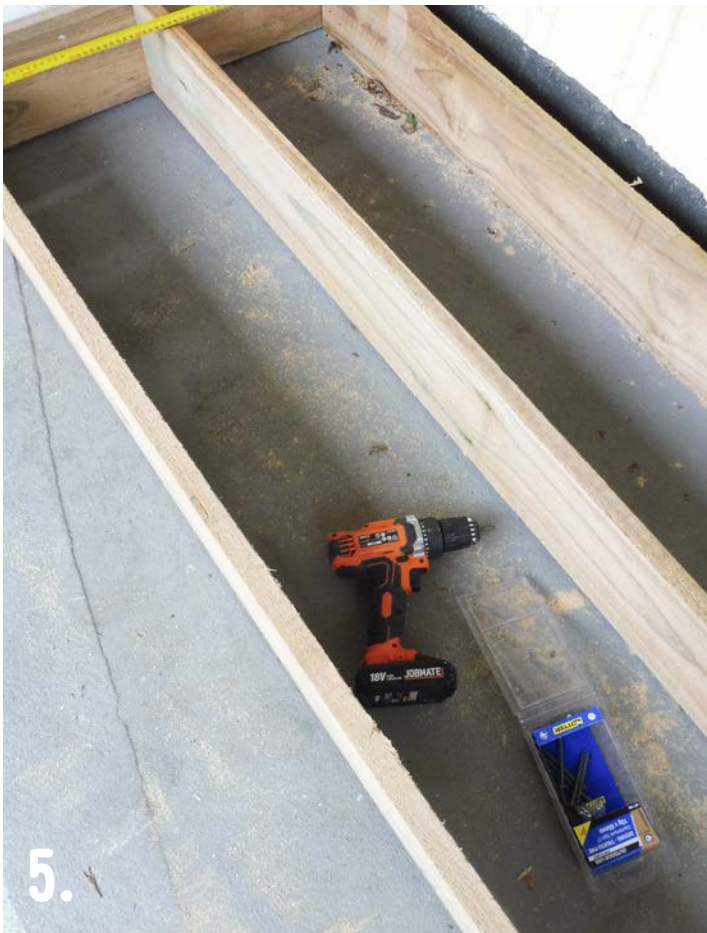
Stand the two fence posts upright and attach an 1800mm length of timber along the base, as shown, fixing with 65mm screws.

STEP THREE

Similarly, span an 1800mm length of timber between the tops of the upright fence posts and fix with 65mm screws.

STEP FOUR

Attach the other two fence posts into an upright position, as shown, fixing two more 900mm lengths of timber (along the top edges of each side) and two 1800mm lengths of timber (along the top and bottom edges of the front). Fix with 65mm screws.



STEP FIVE

Attach another 1800mm length of timber running along the centre of the base, as shown, fixing with 65mm screws.

STEP SIX

Attach the 800mm lengths of timber into place to form the floor of the wood storage unit, using the offcuts of 50mm timber as spacers. Position the two 700mm lengths at either end to fit between the fence posts. Once again, fix with 65mm screws.

STEP SEVEN

Using 65mm screws, attach seven 1800mm lengths of timber into position to form the back of the unit – again, use the 50mm offcuts of wood as spacers. Similarly, fix seven of the 900mm lengths of timber into position to form the right-hand-side wall.

STEP EIGHT

Using 65mm screws, attach the remaining three 1800mm lengths of timber into position to form the front of the unit – again, use the 50mm off cuts of wood as spacers.

STEP NINE

Using 65mm screws, attach the remaining four 900mm lengths of timber into position to form the left-hand wall of the unit – this leaves a side-access window, as shown.

STEP TEN

Carefully stir the Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Bleached Riverstone.

STEP ELEVEN

Apply two coats of Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Bleached Riverstone to the storage unit, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

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