

# RECYCLED PALLET OUTDOOR BAR

A great addition to any outdoor entertaining space that will have you sipping drinks in style.

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## You will need:

### MATERIALS

- 1–2 pallets, depending on their size (we used a 2200mm-long heavy-duty pallet)
- 7 pallet slats, removed from a second pallet (enough for a shelf, shelf supports and corner covers)
- 2 x 75mm 100kg load capacity wheels (optional)
- 2 x 75mm 100kg load capacity wheels, with brake (optional)
- 16 M8 x 50mm coach screws (optional; for wheels)
- 35mm external timber screws
- 100mm external timber screws
- Macrocarpa slab the size of your base, plus 100mm overhang on each side (ours was 1600mm long and approx. 500mm wide)
- Resene Kwila Timber Stain
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Crowshead
- Sandpaper to fit your belt sander (we used 60, 120 and 180 grit)

### TOOLS

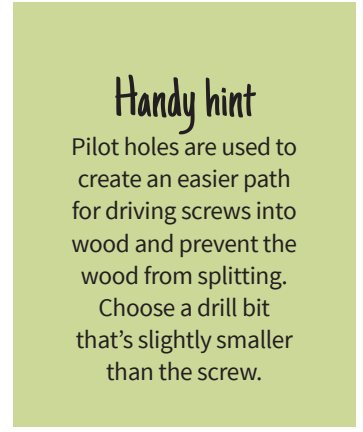
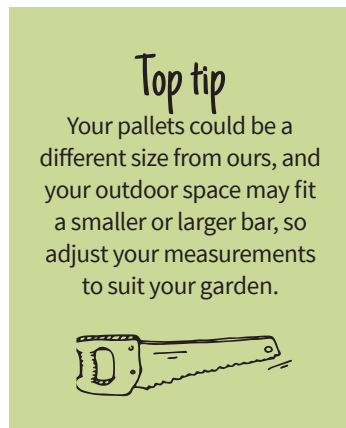
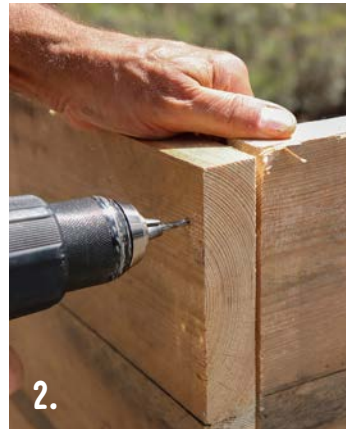
- Belt sander
- Brush
- Circular saw
- Clamps
- Drill
- Paintbrush
- Tape measure



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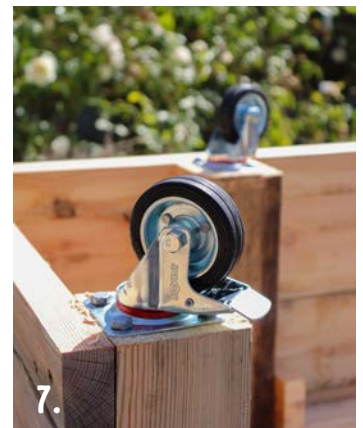
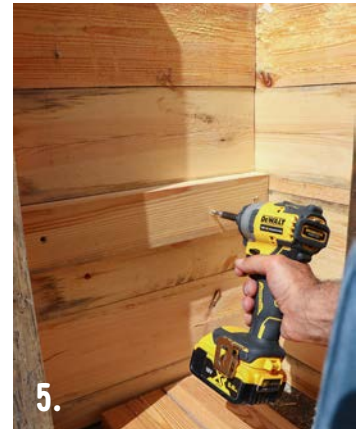


## Handy hint

Pilot holes are used to create an easier path for driving screws into wood and prevent the wood from splitting. Choose a drill bit that's slightly smaller than the screw.

## Top tip

Your pallets could be a different size from ours, and your outdoor space may fit a smaller or larger bar, so adjust your measurements to suit your garden.



### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Check your pallet for any loose slats and hammer them back down if needed.

### STEP ONE

Measure, mark and cut your pallet into three sections – one for the front and two shorter, equal lengths for the sides. We cut our sides at 400mm, leaving 1400mm for the front panel. Ideally, your cuts will leave vertical supports in place on each section to keep the slats held together and to have something to screw the wheels to later on (if using).

### STEP TWO

Stand all three pieces in position and drill pilot holes along both ends of the front slat – two holes per slat.

### STEP THREE

Using the pilot holes as guides, screw the panels together using 35mm screws.

### STEP FOUR

Cut the loose pallet slat timber to size. You will need two lengths to be the width of the inside of the bar for the shelves (ours were 1360mm), four the height of the bar (ours were 1000mm) for the corners, and two the depth of the inside of the bar for shelf supports (ours were 300mm).

### STEP FIVE

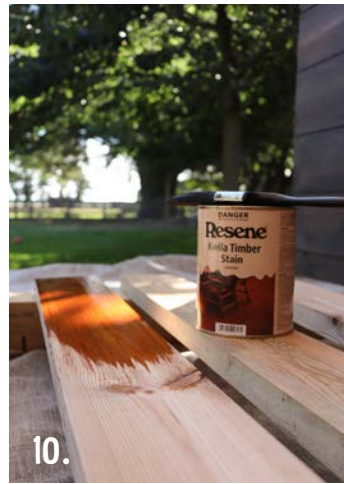
Attach the two shelf supports at each inside end of the bar 250mm up from the ground using 35mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.

### STEP SIX

Place your two lengths of timber for the shelves in place, drill pilot holes and screw down using 35mm screws.

### STEP SEVEN (OPTIONAL)

Flip your bar upside down and attach the wheels to the vertical supports using the coach screws. We put the two wheels with brakes at the back of the bar (the open side with the shelf).



*Here's another idea*

If you like the look of heavy-duty pallets with no gaps between the slats but can only get your hands on standard pallets, then you could screw a few pieces of plywood to the inside. Paint them a different colour to the slats before attaching for contrast.



**STEP EIGHT**

Sand the macrocarpa slab – the top of your bar – using a belt sander. If your slab is rough like ours, use 60 grit sandpaper first, followed by 120 grit, before finishing with 180 grit. Brush off the sanding dust when finished.

**STEP NINE**

Stain the entire bar (excluding the four corner lengths and the macrocarpa slab), with Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Crowshead.

**STEP TEN**

Stain the four corner lengths of timber with Resene Kwila Timber Stain.

**STEP ELEVEN**

Stain the macrocarpa slab with Resene Kwila Timber Stain. All faces of the timber should be treated, with special attention being paid to the end grains.

**STEP TWELVE**

Once the macrocarpa slab is dry, place it into position on top of the base of your bar, making sure it is centred. Secure it in place with 100mm screws from the underside, as shown.

**STEP THIRTEEN**

Fix the four corner covers into position with 35mm screws when they are dry, drilling pilot holes first.

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