

# Double-duty seed tray



Get a two-for-one deal with this easy-to-make seed tray that can also double as a mini propagator.

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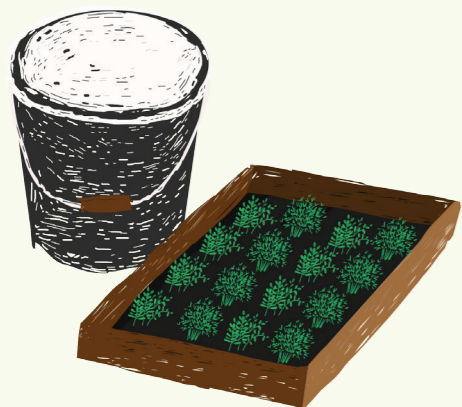
### Materials

- › 100mm x 40mm decking timber\* cut to the following lengths:
  - 500mm (x 6)
  - 290mm (x 2)
  - 40mm x 45mm x 120mm (x 2)
- › 50mm exterior decking screws
- › Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Silvered Grey
- › Piece of clear acrylic or glass measuring 500mm x 350mm (optional)

### Tools

- › Drill
- › Drill bit (3mm) for drilling pilot holes
- › Drill bit (10mm) for drilling drainage holes
- › Newspaper
- › Paint stirrer
- › Paintbrush
- › Pencil
- › Sandpaper
- › Saw
- › Screwdriver
- › Seed-raising potting mix
- › Tape measure
- › Trowel

\*Note: actual size of dressed decking timber is 90mm x 30mm



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### Step One

Measure, mark and cut the decking timber to the sizes specified.



### Step Two

Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.



### Step Three

Assemble two of the 500mm lengths of timber and the two 290mm lengths to form a rectangular frame, as shown. Fix at each corner with 50mm screws, drilling pilot holes first to prevent the timber from splitting.



### Step Four

Fix the base into position, as shown, using the remaining four 500mm lengths of timber. Again, use 50mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.



### Step Five

Fix the remaining two pieces of timber into position on either side of the seed tray, as shown, to form handles. Once again, use 50mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.



### Step Six

Drill a series of 10mm drainage holes into the base of the seed tray, as shown, and smooth any burred edges with sandpaper.

### Step Seven

Carefully stir the Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Silvered Grey.



### Step Nine

Place five or six layers of newspaper in the base of the seed tray – this will help retain moisture and stop the potting mix from washing through the drainage holes.



### Step Ten

Fill the seed tray to approximately three-quarters full with good quality potting mix and sow your preferred seeds.



### Step Eleven

If seeds require additional warmth for germination or if you need to keep the potting mix from drying out, place the piece of clear acrylic or glass over the seed tray.



### To get the look

Mark painted the background glasshouse woodwork with Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Quarter Alabaster.