TOP TIP
Autumn is an ideal time to plant perennial herbs such as chives, mint, lemon balm, oregano, and thyme. Hardy herbs such as coriander and parsley will do well planted now too.

BASIL

CHIVES ROCKET

PARSLEY

Resene FX Blackboard Paint

THYME OREGANO

MINT

HERB LADDER

The ideal project for gardens where space is limited, or to make use of a sunny wall. While it makes a great herb garden, it could also be used for a colourful display of flowers.

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YOU WILL NEED

Materials
- 150 x 25mm macrocarpa cut to the following lengths:
  – 600mm (x 10) for the planter side panels
  – 200mm (x 10) for the planter end pieces, with each end cut to 15 degrees off square
- 120 x 25mm macrocarpa cut to the following lengths:
  – 550mm for the planter bases (x 5)
- 2000 x 100 x 50mm timber for the rails (x 2)
- Potting mix
- Resene FX Blackboard Paint
- Screws
- Selection of herbs
- Weed mat

Tools
- Chalk
- Drill
- Paintbrush
- Saw
- Scissors
- Staple gun
- Tape measure
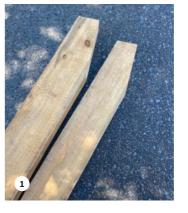
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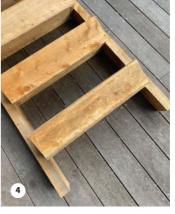**Resene**
the paint the professionals use

Step 1 Cut both ends of the timber rails off at 15 degrees (parallel cuts). Then, cut the back off at a right angle to the top 15-degree cut, as shown.

Step 2 Create your first planter by joining the end pieces to the side panels. Slot the base in from the top and screw into place. Repeat to create five identical planter boxes.

Step 3 Drill drainage holes in the base of each planter. Cut the weed mat to size and staple to the inside of each planter to stop the soil falling through.

Step 4 Mark 200mm from the top of both legs to get the placement of the top planter in exactly the same spot. Screw into position from the inside of the planter, lining the top up with your marks. Mark the placement of the next planter 200mm down from the base of the first, and screw into place. Repeat until the ladder is complete.

Step 5 Paint the front of each planter with Resene FX Blackboard Paint and allow to dry.

Step 6 Fill each planter with potting mix and plant your selection of herbs (or flowers). Water well.

Step 7 Use chalk to label your planters.

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