

DIY PROJECT

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MATERIALS

You need: • 2 x 12m x 150mm x 50mm H4 T&G retaining wall timber
• 2.4m x 150mm x 50mm H4 rough sawn timber
• 4.8m x 75mm x 25mm H3.2 timber
• 64 x 8g x 65mm screws
• 40 x 8g x 40mm screws
• power saw • power drill • jigsaw
• mallet • sander or sandpaper
• wood filler • paint (we used Resene Lumbersider in 'Gumboot')
Cost: \$108.11 (excluding paint)

DIY PLANTER BOX

Jane Wrigglesworth constructs a modern wooden planter box that is deep enough to contain a small tree and wide enough for some colourful underplanting



1 Using the retaining wall timber, cut four lengths 600mm long, then cut a 5° angle at each end. Cut another four lengths 585mm (the final length of your first cut boards), then cut 5° angles at each end.

2 Cut another four lengths at 565mm, then cut 5° angles. Cut four more lengths 545mm long, with 5° angles. Begin screwing the planter together using the 65mm screws, starting at the base.

3 Continue adding more levels to the box. If the boards do not fit quite right, cut them slightly so that they do. Screw them in place using the 65mm screws.

4 Cut the last four boards at 525mm, then cut 5° angles at each end. As this is the final layer, cut off the tongues before screwing the boards to the planter box.

5 From the 75mm x 25mm timber, cut 8 x 545mm lengths. Cut a 5° angle on one end. Use 40mm screws to fix to inside of box, with the angled end at the bottom and leaving 50mm space at bottom.

6 Cut 4 x 557mm lengths from 150mm x 50mm timber. Cut a 60mm strip from one of the lengths and discard the bigger piece. Fit the lengths inside the bottom of the planter and screw in place.

7 For the feet, cut four equal-size blocks from the leftover timber. Screw to the base of the planter in the corners. Sand the entire box to smooth out rough edges.

8 Draw two half circles onto the leftover timber for handles and cut out using a jigsaw. Screw to the sides of the planter. Fill the screw holes with wood filler, then paint.

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