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Ways with wood
with Mark Rayner – 29

You will need:

- Clean lint-free cloth
- Decorative piece of driftwood
- Drill with drill bits
- Latex glove
- Three 200mm x 200mm x 16mm wooden corner shelf kits (ours came from Mitre10 Mega). Each kit contains:
 - Semi-circular pine shelf
 - Two 16mm x 16mm pine wall supports
 - screws
- Paintbrush
- PVA glue
- Resene Aquaclear satin
- Sandpaper
- Screwdriver
- Resene Waterborne Colorwood Testpot in Resene Meranti



Step one

Unpack the shelf kits and smooth off any rough edges on the wall supports and shelves with sandpaper.



Step two

Attach two wall supports to one of the shelves, as shown, to form the bookend base, fixing with PVA glue and the screws provided. Drill pilot holes first to prevent the wood from splitting.



Step three

Attach one of the wall supports to a second shelf, as shown, to form one half of the bookend back, fixing with PVA glue and screws (drill pilot holes first).



Step four

Attach the other half of the bookend back, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and screws (again, drill pilot holes first).



Step five

Attach the bookend back to the base, as shown, fixing with PVA glue and screws (once again, drill pilot holes first).



Step six

Apply one coat of Resene Waterborne Colorwood Meranti to the bookend, applying in the direction of the grain, as shown.



Step seven

Leave the stain to soak into the wood for up to 15 minutes and wipe off any excess Resene Waterborne Colorwood with a clean, lint-free cloth. Leave the bookend to dry for 48 hours.



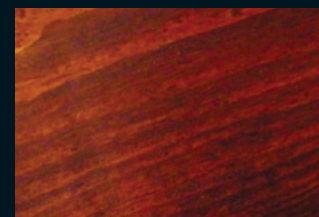
Step eight

Apply three coats of Resene Aquaclear satin to the bookend, allowing two hours for each coat to dry. Place the piece of driftwood onto the bookend, fixing with PVA glue. Leave glue to dry.



To get the look:

Mark stained the wooden shelf with Resene Waterborne Colorwood tinted to Resene Dark Ebony and finished off with Resene Aquaclear satin.



Other ideas:

For a paler effect choose a lighter shade of Resene Waterborne Colorwood such as Resene Egg White or Resene Rock Salt.

For more ideas and inspiration visit your local Resene ColorShop or the Resene website.