

★★★ Difficulty level ★easy ★★moderate ★★★challenging

Ways with wood,
with Mark Rayner – 4

You will need:

- 100mm galvanised nails
- 4 x 120mm stainless steel dynabolts
- Approx 6m of 100mm x 100mm H4 treated fence posts
- Drill with bits including 10mm masonry drill bit
- H4 treated tongue and groove landscaping timber (3 lengths at 3.6m and 6 lengths at 800mm)
- Hammer
- Paintbrush
- Rapidset concrete
- Ratchet set
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain tinted to Resene Limed Gum
- Saw
- Set square
- Small spade
- Spirit level
- String line
- Tape measure



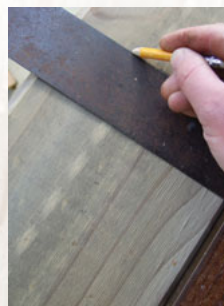
Step one
Cut 100mm x 100mm fence posts into six 1m lengths.



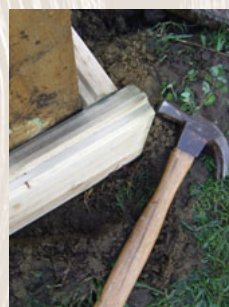
Step two
Dig a 500mm hole next to the wall, sink and position one of the lengths of fence post with approx 500mm showing above ground. Secure upright with rapidset concrete (be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions) and fix to the wall using masonry drill bit and two dynabolts, countersinking approx 30mm, as shown. Repeat with a second fence post approx 3.6m further along the wall.



Step three
Dig a 500mm deep hole 800mm out from the wall at right angles to one of the bolted fence posts. Sink and position another fence post, securing with rapidset concrete. Repeat at the other corner of the raised bed and position the two remaining fence posts in between approx 1.2m apart – use a string line to get them aligned.



Step four
Cut tongue and groove landscaping timber to lengths listed above using set square and saw.



Step five
Attach one of the shorter lengths of landscaping timber to the side of the raised bed, hammering two galvanised nails into each of the fence posts. Attach a longer length to front of the raised bed, as shown. Repeat with the other side – use a spirit level to check level as you go.



Step six
Continue to build up the walls on the raised bed, fitting the tongue and groove timber into place, as shown.



Step seven
Continue until all lengths of tongue and groove timber are in place. Use a saw to even up the ends of the front edge if necessary.



Step eight
Apply one coat of Resene Waterborne Woodsman Limed Gum to the raised bed. Leave to dry for 24 hours and apply a second coat.

It's easy to create a simple raised bed using H4 tongue and groove timber and Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain.



To get the look:

Mark planted the raised bed with a display of colourful annuals for instant impact.



Other ideas:

Try some cooler colours from the Resene Waterborne Woodsman range such as Resene Pickled Bluewood or Resene Downriver.

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