



**Avoid muddy ground by creating a simple boardwalk between two raised beds.**

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

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### You will need:

- 50mm x 75mm treated timber (approximately 5m)
- 100mm exterior screws
- 1.5m fence palings (x6)
- Decking nails
- Drill with 3mm drill bit
- Hammer
- Paint stirrer
- Pencil
- Paintbrush
- Existing tongue and groove raised beds (treated with Resene Moss & Mould Killer and thoroughly cleaned using Resene Timber and Deck Wash)
- Resene Kwila Timber Stain
- Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Grey Green
- Saw
- Scissors for cutting weed mat
- Screwdriver
- Spirit level
- Tape measure
- Turps for washing brush
- Tongue and groove landscaping timber (approx 8m)
- Weed mat and weed mat staples



#### Step one

Measure the lengths of the two existing raised beds and cut the 50mm x 75mm timber to fit. Fix these lengths to either side of the raised beds using 100mm screws, drilling pilot holes first. Use a spirit level to ensure the finished boardwalk will be level in both directions.



#### Step two

Lay the weed mat over the ground between the two raised beds and fix it down with weed mat pins.



#### Step three

Measure, mark and cut the tongue and groove landscaping timber to fit a second layer on the main raised bed. Fix these pieces together at each corner with 100mm screws, drilling pilot holes first.



#### Step four

Measure, mark and cut the fence palings into sections to fit between the raised beds, as shown. Fix at each end with decking nails.



#### Step five

Carefully stir the Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Grey Green.



#### Step six

Apply two coats of Resene Waterborne Woodsman tinted to Resene Grey Green to the raised beds allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



#### Step seven

Carefully stir the Resene Kwila Timber Stain.



#### Step eight

Apply two coats of Resene Kwila Timber Stain to the boardwalk allowing 24 hours for each coat to dry. Wash brush with mineral turps.



**To get the look:** Mark filled the raised bed with good quality topsoil and compost.



**Other ideas:** For a darker look stain the raised bed with Resene Woodsman tinted to Resene Pitch Black.

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