Brighten up your bench space this summer with these colourful storage vessels made from recycled glass jars. Get the kids involved and you have the perfect activity for any unexpected rainy days during the school holidays!

To make the small green jar, remove wooden lid and paint the entire glass section with Resene Japanese Laurel. Once dry, use a medium-size paintbrush to paint stripes around the jar with Resene Crusoe.

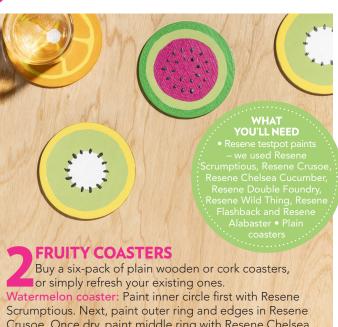
For the small watermelon jar, remove wooden lid and paint 3.5cm up from the bottom in Resene Japanese Laurel and the remainder of the jar in Resene Scrumptious. Once dry, paint a 1cm ring all the way around the jar in Resene Chelsea Cucumber over top of the join where the other two colours meet. To finish, use a fine paintbrush to paint the watermelon seeds using Resene Double Foundry.

For the large jar, remove lid and paint 5cm up from the bottom in Resene Japanese Laurel and the remainder of the jar in Resene Scrumptious. Once dry, using a medium-size paintbrush, paint stripes over the bottom green section all the way around the jar with Resene Crusoe. Next, paint a 1cm ring around the jar in Resene Chelsea Cucumber over top of the join where the pink and greens meet. Finally, using a fine paintbrush, paint on the watermelon seeds using Resene Double Foundry.



Painting three ways SUMMER CRAFT

Emily Somerville-Ryan shows us how to give living spaces a summery lift with fun fruity homewares and paint inspiration



Watermelon coaster: Paint inner circle first with Resene Scrumptious. Next, paint outer ring and edges in Resene Crusoe. Once dry, paint middle ring with Resene Chelsea Cucumber, slightly overlapping the other two colours. Finally, with a fine paintbrush, paint on the seeds using Resene Double Foundry.

Orange coaster: Paint entire coaster in Resene Wild Thing. Once dry, paint outer ring and segments in Resene Flashback. Finally, paint small inner circle with Resene Alabaster. Kiwifruit coaster: Paint entire coaster in Resene Chelsea Cucumber. Once dry, paint outer ring and edges with Resene Wild Thing and inner circle in Resene Alabaster. Finally, with a fine paintbrush, paint pips using Resene Double Foundry.

SUMMER SERVERS

Add a pop of colour and a dash of fun to your table setting by transforming a pair of wooden salad servers using vibrant paints. Paint the top end of each salad server handle roughly 7cm down using Resene Japanese Laurel. Paint the remainder of the handle in Resene Scrumptious. Once dry, paint a 1cm strip of Resene Chelsea Cucumber over the join between the Scrumptious and Resene Japanese Laurel colours. Finally, using a fine paintbrush, paint on the pips using Resene Double Foundry.

