

# A pot of colour

A LICK OF PAINT TRANSFORMS TERRACOTTA POTS INTO PRETTY PLANTERS

## YOU WILL NEED

- ☆ Resene testpots in your choice of colours, or the ones we used
- ☆ Resene Terracotta Sealer
- ☆ Terracotta pots and saucers
- ☆ Artist's paintbrushes

## METHOD

**1. All pots:** Start by first applying one coat of Resene Terracotta Sealer to the inside and outside of the pots as well as the saucers. This gives a long-term waterbeading effect and deters water penetration, because terracotta is quite porous. Give the sealer two days to penetrate and cure. 24 hours might be enough in warm weather.

**2.** Paint all the pots and saucers (inside and out) with a light colour as an undercoat base to block out the deep terracotta colour. We applied two coats of Resene Eighth Drought and this then became one of the final colours. We gave the finish of the cactus pot some texture by applying the second coat of the light base colour thickly with a large artist brush, forcing the paint to 'sag' around the edges of the brushstrokes and left it to dry thoroughly.

**3. Cactus pot:** Apply two coats of the middle colour - we used Resene Soulful from the Resene fashion colours fandeck. Allow each coat to dry.

**Desert pot:** Paint the entire pot again using Resene Half Spindle to create the sky. Apply two coats, allowing each coat to dry.

**Sleepy pot:** Apply two coats of Resene Soulful to the rim of the pot as well as on the inside. Let each coat dry.

**4: Cactus pot:** Apply two coats of the bottom colour to both the pot and saucer - we used Resene Sunbaked.

**Desert pot:** Using Resene Sunbaked, create the middle sand dune around the pot, again doing two coats.

**Sleepy pot:** Using a thin artist's brush, slowly and carefully create a wavy pattern around the rim and paint on the closed-eyes and mouth, using Resene Sunbaked. This pot is done!

**5: Cactus pot:** With the thin artist's brush, carefully paint on the cacti using Resene Sunbaked. Once dry, add the spines using the light base colour. Done!

**Desert pot:** Apply two coats of Resene Soulful to the saucer and to the bottom of the pot, to create the lower sand dune. Finished!

■ Resene Sunbaked ■ Resene Soulful  
■ Resene Half Spindle ■ Resene Eighth Drought

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