

Beside the seaside

Mark Rayner gets crafty with this coastal-inspired sculpture.

You will need:

- 1.3m length stainless steel rod
- Builders' mortar mix
- 3 painted wooden fish
- Resene Multishield+ (Flat)
- Assorted pieces of pumice and driftwood
- 2 buckets
- Trowel
- Drill
- Vice
- Hammer
- Exterior construction glue

To get the look

Painted wooden fish are available from ethnic shops or markets.



1 USING a vice and hammer, bend the end 300mm of the stainless steel rod to form a flat base, as shown.



2 USING the trowel, mix some mortar mix in one of the buckets, following the manufacturer's instructions.



3 CAREFULLY transfer the wet mortar into the other bucket and press the bent end of the rod into this, ensuring it's upright. Leave to dry overnight.



4 REMOVE the rod and hardened concrete base from the bucket. Drill a hole down through the centre of each of the wooden fish.



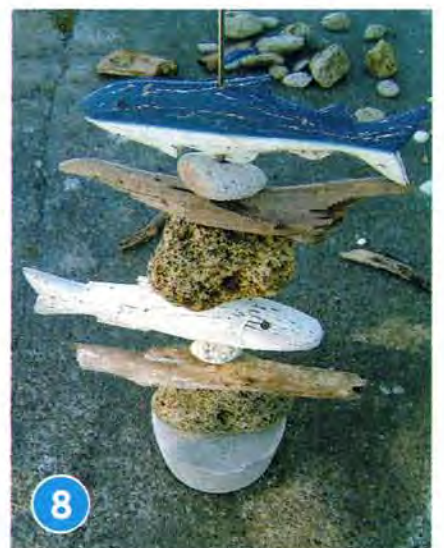
5 PAINT the fish with three coats of Resene Multishield+ (Flat) and allow to dry.



6 DRILL a hole through the centre of each piece of driftwood.



7 DRILL a hole through the centre of each piece of pumice – if some of the pumice is too thick for the drill bit, use an old screwdriver to finish it off.



8 THREAD the pumice, driftwood and wooden fish on to the rod until you reach the top. Fix the last piece of pumice to the top of the rod with a blob of construction glue.