



Stunning stucco

Mark Rayner demonstrates how to revamp an old stucco wall to create a rich, warm backdrop – perfect for showing off the elegant foliage of a potted architectural plant.

You will need:

- Clean water
- Bucket
- Exterior masonry filler
- Garden spray
- Small knife for filling
- Stiff-bristled brush
- Paintbrush
- Rough surface paint roller and tray
- Resene Concrete Primer
- Resene Moss & Mould Killer
- Resene Paint Prep and Housewash
- Resene Sonyx 101 tinted to Resene Sorbus

To get the look:

Mark potted up the ceramic pot with a *Phormium* 'Chocomint'.



1 Remove any flaking paint or loose stucco with a stiff-bristled brush.



2 Mix one part Resene Moss & Mould Killer to five parts clean water and pour into the garden sprayer.



3 Spray the stucco with the Resene Moss & Mould Killer solution and leave for 48 hours.



4 Mix one part Resene Paint Prep and Housewash to three parts clean water.



5 Using the stiff-bristled brush, scrub the stucco vigorously, ensuring the Resene Paint Prep and Housewash solution is worked into the surface of the wall. Once thoroughly washed, rinse clean with plenty of cold water. Allow to dry.

Top tip: When using Resene Moss & Mould Killer and Resene Paint Prep and Housewash, always follow the instructions on the label and wear adequate protection.



6 Fill any holes in the stucco with exterior masonry filler and allow to dry.



7 Spot prime the filler and any patches of bare concrete with Resene Concrete Primer. Allow two hours to dry.



8 Apply two coats of Resene Sorbus to the wall, allowing two hours for each coat to dry. ■