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# ARTY HOUSE NUMBERS

Create a stylish house number plaque from a terracotta plant saucer and some Resene testpots – we show you how.

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## YOU WILL NEED

### Materials

- 25mm x 50mm x 250mm piece of treated timber
- Exterior construction glue
- Low-tack masking tape
- Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer
- Resene Clearcoat UVS waterborne UV protective glaze
- Resene testpots of Resene Delta Blue, Resene Float and Resene Half Resolution Blue
- Stainless steel or galvanised screw eye
- Terracotta plant saucer (ours was approximately 310mm in diameter)

### Tools

- Cordless drill with 3.5mm drill bit
- Craft knife
- Paintbrushes (including small artists' brush)
- Stencil of house number design (we used a printout of the house number design to create a stencil)
- Tape measure

**Step 1** Apply one coat of Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer to the terracotta plant saucer and allow to dry. **Note:** Some terracotta plant saucers may be pre-sealed. To check, apply a little water to the terracotta – if it immediately soaks in, you'll definitely need to apply Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer.

**Step 2** Fix the screw eye to the centre of the piece of timber, as shown, pre-drilling a 3.5mm pilot hole first.





**Step 3** Fix the piece of timber to the back of the terracotta plant saucer using exterior construction glue and allow to dry.

**Step 4** Apply two coats of Resene Half Resolution Blue to the outer rim of the terracotta plant saucer, as shown, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

**Step 5** Apply two coats of Resene Delta Blue to the inner section of the terracotta plant saucer, as shown, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

**Step 6** Using the craft knife, carefully cut out the house numbers to create a stencil. Trim away any excess paper so the stencil will fit in the centre of the terracotta plant saucer.

**Step 7** Fix the stencil in place with masking tape and carefully stipple (dot your paint brush) approximately 10mm around the stencil edges using Resene Float – this will create the shadow under the numbers. Carefully remove the stencil and allow the paint to dry.

**Step 8** Reposition the stencil approximately 5mm upward and across (diagonally left) from the previously painted area and fix with masking tape. Carefully stipple both numbers using Resene Half Resolution Blue, then remove the stencil and allow the paint to dry.

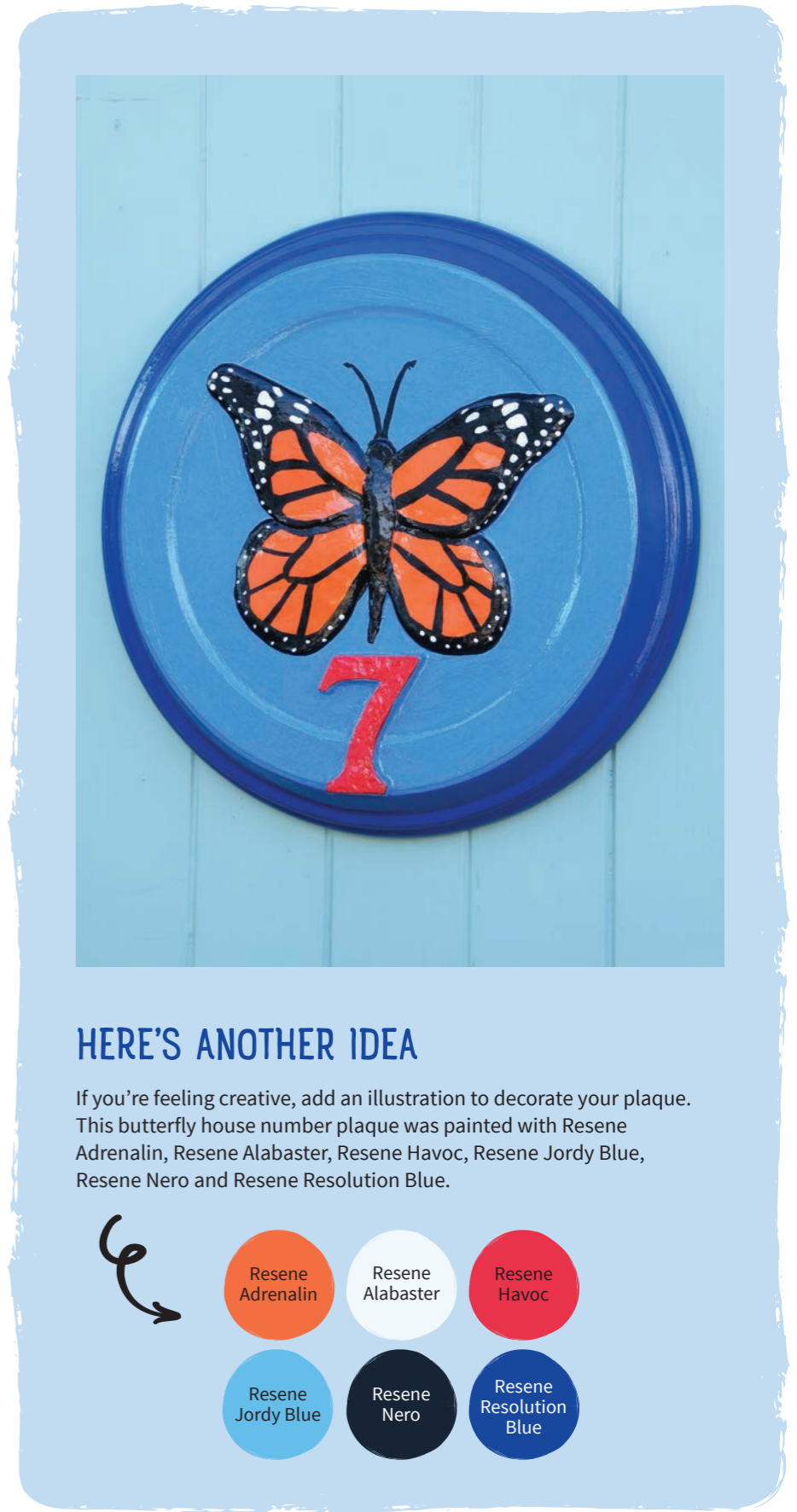
**Step 9** Using an artists' brush, apply a second coat of Resene Half Resolution Blue to the numbers and allow to dry.

**Step 10** Using an artists' brush, tidy up any areas where the paint may have bled under the stencil edge and allow the paint to dry.

**Step 11** Apply one coat of Resene Clearcoat UVS waterborne UV protective glaze to the house number plaque and allow to dry.

**HANDY HINT**

The house number plaque should safely hang from an exterior nail or screw driven in at an upward 45-degree angle.



**HERE'S ANOTHER IDEA**

If you're feeling creative, add an illustration to decorate your plaque. This butterfly house number plaque was painted with Resene Adrenalin, Resene Alabaster, Resene Havoc, Resene Jordy Blue, Resene Nero and Resene Resolution Blue.



**Mark Rayner** is our go-to expert on garden design and landscaping. Handy with a drill, he regularly contributes DIY projects too.