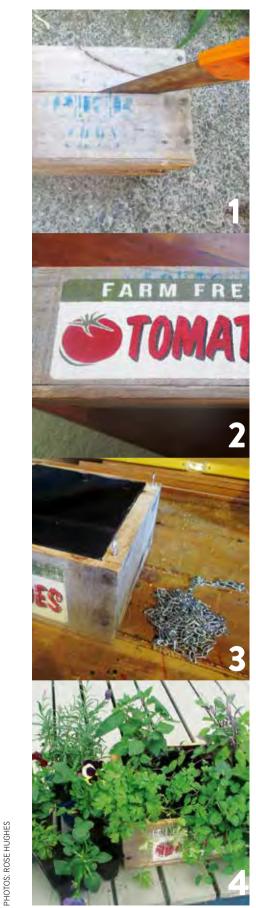
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UPCYCLED CRATE

Rose Hughes' latest project gives an old wooden crate a charming second life.





MATERIALS

You will need • Old wooden box or crate • Nails • Handsaw • Drill / drill bits • Fine sandpaper • 4 x 22mm (or similar) hooks • 2.5m x 16mm chain • Black polythene • Staple gun and staples • Potting mix and plants • Resene test pots • Paintbrushes **Cost:** \$20 excluding crate, paint and plants

Mark and cut the box down to size if required. I had an old wooden nail box and cut it down to 120mm high using a handsaw. I used spare timber from the sides to repair the bottom boards. Drill drainage holes in the base.

2 You can leave the box as it is or paint it. I found an image online and traced it onto one side of the box. I used Resene Half Spanish White for the background and Dynamite, Waiouru and Black for the detail. Allow to dry thoroughly and sand to recreate a vintage look.

3 Attach a hook in each corner making sure they are screwed into solid timber. Cut the chain to length and attach to the hooks.

Line with polythene, poking holes for drainage. Plant up and hang. 💠