

Hang 'em up

Mark Rayner shows how to construct a planting pole to display patio or indoor plants.

You will need:

- 100mm x 50mm treated timber cut to the following lengths:
1 x 1800mm
1 x 540mm
1 x 490mm
- 50mm x 50mm treated timber cut to 1800mm
- Exterior PVA glue
- 75mm galvanised jolt head nails

- Hammer
- Saw
- Screwdriver
- Set square
- Paintbrushes (including medium sized artists' brush)
- 8 x Leylandlatch pot hangers
- 8 x terracotta pots
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat

- Resene Smooth Surface Sealer
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Silver Chalice
- Resene Enamacryl Metallic waterborne enamel tinted to Resene Silver Aluminium



To get the look: Mark planted up the terracotta pots with cool season chrysanthemums and polyanthus to create an instant splash of winter colour.



1 Measure and cut the lengths of timber to the dimensions listed above. Create the main upright support by fixing the two 1800mm lengths of timber together, as shown, at right angles, using PVA glue and jolt head nails.



2 Fix the two remaining pieces of timber to the base of the upright support, as shown, using PVA and jolt head nails. Use the set square to ensure the base supports are at right angles to the main upright.



3 Prime the entire structure with one coat of Resene Quick Dry primer undercoat, and allow two hours to dry.



4 Fix eight 'Leylandlatch' pot hangers down both sides of the two upright supports with the screws provided. Set them in pairs on opposite sides, as shown, or alternate them.



5 Apply one coat of Resene Smooth Surface Sealer to the Leylandlatch pot hangers, allowing two hours to dry.



6 Apply one coat of Resene Silver Chalice to the entire structure and allow two hours to dry.



7 Use an artists' brush to apply one coat of Resene Silver Aluminium to the Leylandlatch pot hangers, using a 'stippling' technique.



8 Apply one coat of Resene Silver Aluminium to the timber support, using a 'stippling' technique, and allow to dry for two hours. Repeat steps seven and eight.

Top tip: Seal the terracotta pots with Resene Terracotta sealer to prevent water loss.