

★★★ Difficulty level ★ easy ★★ moderate ★★★ challenging Fun with furniture with Mark Rayner – 35

Don't be afraid to shake up the idea of traditional book shelves by using a bright and bold colour scheme.

You will need:

- 20mm x 25mm timber (or similar) for shelf supports
- 40mm x 10mm wooden moulding
- Alcove for shelves
- Clean cloth
- Drill
- Hammer
- MDF or wooden shelving approx 20mm x 300mm
- Old wooden bookcase
- Paintbrush
- Panel pins
- PVA glue
- Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Illusion
- Resene Quick Dry
- Sandpaper
- Saw
- Screwdriver
- Screws
- Spirit level
- Tape measure



Step one

Measure, mark and cut the base of the old bookcase to fit in the bottom of the alcove, as shown. Fix at either end and along the back with PVA glue and screws, drilling pilot holes first.



Step two

Fix the first shelf into position, as shown, supported underneath at either end and along the back edge with 20mm x 25mm timber cut to size. Fix with PVA glue and screws.



Step three

Fix the next two shelves into position, as shown, approximately 350mm apart. Again support each shelf underneath at either end and along the back edge with 20mm x 25mm timber cut to size. Once again, fix with PVA glue and screws.



Step four

Continue in the same way until the remaining shelves are fitted.



Step 5

Measure, mark and cut lengths of moulding to fit along the front of each shelf and fix into place with PVA glue and panel pins. Allow glue to dry.



Step six

Lightly sand the shelves and adjacent woodwork, wipe off any sanding residue with a clean cloth and then prime any areas of bare wood or MDF with one coat of Resene Quick Dry. Allow two hours to dry.



Step seven

Apply one coat of Resene Illusion to the book shelves and surrounding woodwork. Allow two hours to dry.



Step eight

Apply a second coat of Resene Illusion to the book shelves and surrounding woodwork. Allow two hours to dry.



To get the look:

Mark painted the architrave around the book shelves with Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Deep Blush.



Other ideas:

For a crisp and clean look paint the bookcase with Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Gin Fizz.

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