



DIY

how to: REVITALISE AN OLD-FASHIONED PLANT STAND

Alana Shinn from Threadbare Cloak guides us through crafting the perfect indoor solution for your greenery

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- + Cane plant stand
- + Sandpaper
- + Paintbrush
- + Primer
- + Paint - I used Resene Lustacryl in Nero

A tiered plant stand is the perfect way to display plants and bunches of fresh flowers. The simplest and most satisfying way to get one for yourself is to give a modern makeover to an old 80s' cane plant stand.

First things first, you need to find a cane plant stand. Have a look at your local charity shop, or browse Trade Me – they usually go for only a few dollars.

Give the stand a good wash. Then, once it's completely dry, give it a light sanding, making sure to get any flaky bits off. Dust it down with a cloth or use the vacuum cleaner to get rid of any leftover sanding residue – leaving a clean and dust-free surface to paint on.

Before starting with the topcoat, a primer coat needs to be applied. Take your time with this, as a primer provides the perfect foundation for a beautiful paint job. Leave until completely dry.

Lastly, apply the topcoat. You will need to apply two coats of paint, allowing the first coat to dry thoroughly before applying the second. I like to use a paintbrush for this type of work, but you could try your hand at using spray paint. Be careful, though, as spray paint needs to be applied in several light layers, otherwise the paint will run.

As for colour, anything goes. I went for a matt black look, using Resene Lustacryl in Nero: it really makes the greenery pop!
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