



# Home-Dzine<sup>online</sup>

It's all about caring for and improving your home

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This month we're giving away 5 Addis Paintsticks®



designer style on a budget



and even more...

your own art - which floor? - fantasy beds  
child's desk - leaning shelves - mirrored tables  
circular saws - planter bench - bookcase makeover



# a word or two

The next couple of months are going to be extremely busy for me.



On Friday 1 August, I will be presenting a workshop at Decorex 08 in conjunction with Home/Tuis magazine - Make your own ottoman. See the July issue of Home/Tuis for more information.

**decorex 08**  
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Decorex 08 will be on at Gallagher Estates from Wednesday 30 July until Sunday 3 August.

Later in the month, I will be presenting a workshop for Home/Tuis (venue to be confirmed) on restoring and reupholstering a dining chair. This is a wonderful course for those who want to find out more about reupholstery techniques.

During the month of August, the Cape Homemakers Expo will be held at the CTICC. The Expo runs from Thursday 28 until Sunday 31 August.

At Home-Dzine we've got plenty of projects in the pipeline, and these will appear on both the website, and in Home-Dzine Online - so keep your eyes peeled for great do-it-yourself projects that you can make - or do - at home.

And don't forget our monthly DIY project in The Home Handyman!

Until next month

*Janice*

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# designer style on a budget

Every homeowner know that redecorating projects can turn out to be costly improvement. Add to that the increased drain on our finances with increases in the petrol price, and the high cost of day-to-day living and giving your home a much needed makeover goes to the bottom of the list. However, there are easy and simple ways to provide a big impact, without having spend a fortune.

## Get those rollers ready!

Paint is the easiest and most affordable way to add some colour to your home. With prices starting from around R64 per one litre tin, Prominent Paints is still the most cost-effective way to punch up interiors and add a new look.

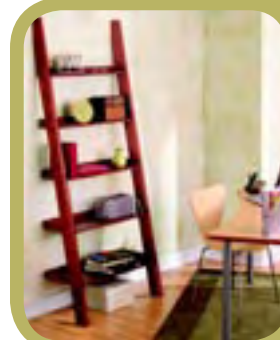


## VIRTUAL PAINTER

To help you save even more time and money, try before you buy. With the Prominent Paints online Virtual Painter you can experiment with paint colours, before you launch into a project. The Virtual Painter allows you to manipulate wall, trim and accent colours in a variety of room settings. A simple click of a mouse lets you see first-hand how any room in your home might look with one or more colours.

## Order up some style

For tired looking furniture, or to match existing furniture to your new wall colour, you can lighten and brighten chairs, couches and ottomans with custom printed fabric, cushions or decorative throw pillows. You can purchase cushions and throws in this season's hottest colours at your local Home Comforts, or log on to [www.SmartArt.co.za](http://www.SmartArt.co.za) to have custom fabric printed to reupholster or create slipcovers for drab furniture.



*Make this unusual leaning shelf unit. It might not look it, but it's surprisingly sturdy.*

**Go to page 16 for construction details and diagram.**

## Easy Furniture Makeovers

Another quick and easy fix up for boring furniture is to use one of the Rust-Oleum painting kits.



**Decorating Divas** recently transformed a dated dining suite using the Rust-Oleum Distressed Ivory Kit. One box was more than enough for 4 chairs, a large table top and base, and a large dresser - most definitely worth the R250. The client wanted the

suite to be casual, with a beach theme, for morning breakfasts, and the end result was absolutely stunning. We will be showing you this project in the near future.

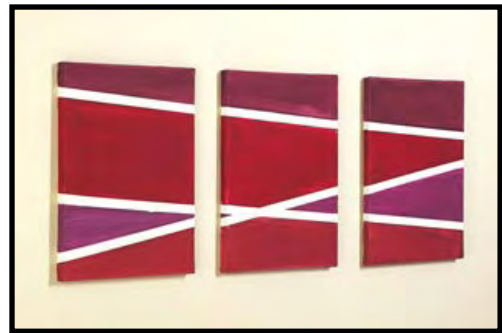
And if you simply don't have the time - or energy - to do it yourself, ask **Decorating Divas** and we will do it for you!

*RIGHT: A distressed ivory finish on a French style dining suite.*



# artistic flair

You don't need to have any artistic talent to create your own works of art. Follow our step-by-step instructions for your own artwork the easy way.



## Here's how:

1. Give the front and sides of each of the canvases an undercoat of watered down white acrylic paint. Leave to dry.
2. Place the canvases on a flat surface in a portrait position, butting them up against each other, to make one large painting area.
3. Take a long strip of masking tape and stretch it across the canvases diagonally, taping them together and creating the first part of the design.
4. Repeat step 3, twice more, to complete the overall design.
5. Cut through the tape holding the canvases together, and then taking a small piece of tape, stick it onto the line you have already created and continue the tape down the edge of each of the canvases. Ensure that the tape is thoroughly stuck down.
6. Apply the first acrylic colour across the three canvases, ensuring that the colour is returned on the sides of the canvases. Use the picture as a guide.
7. Repeat step 6, with the three other colours. Use the picture as a guide. Allow to dry.
8. Gently peel off the masking tape to reveal the completed design.

You can also make your own canvas art with any of the Rust-Oleum American Accents or Painter's Touch Paints. And with over a 100 colours to choose from you can let your imagination run wild!



Visit our 'Go Shopping' for more info or to order.

## You will need

Stretched Box Canvasses x3 same size  
Masking tape (25mm wide)  
Acrylic paint - - four colours + white  
Paint brushes



Buy pre-stretched and boxed canvasses at select art and craft shops, Showbiz, Herbert Evans

# A bedroom for play

In a home that doesn't offer enough extra space for a playroom, a themed bedroom can be the perfect way to allow young children the opportunity to make their dreams come true.

Fantasy beds can be custom designed to fit in any room, and in any theme, for a space where imagination and play can run wild. Imagine your little princess sleeping in a castle, or a young race driver racing ahead in his own race car bed. The fun that a fantasy bed brings to a child's life will have their friends lining up for sleepovers!

Decorating Divas provides an in house manufacturing service that gives homeowners the opportunity to design their own unique furniture and décor accessories. Fantasy beds, theme room and playroom accessories are just some of the wonderful ideas that are now being produced right here in South Africa. All furniture is designed and hand painted to customer specifications and is supplied in flat pack form for easy transport and assembly. Decorating Divas also provides easily mountable wall murals that are created on SupaWood, which means that you can decorate in a rental home without worrying about damaging the walls – and take the murals with you should you move!

Before you start the decorating process decide upon the actual theme for the room. This could be anything from cartoon or movie characters, nursery rhymes, or action heroes.

Get your child actively involved in the planning process and allow them to choose their favourite colours for walls and accessories, or any fabric and wallpaper that will be used to reinforce the theme. A good rule of thumb for a coordinated room is to repeat colours and fabrics throughout the room to tie everything together.

Visit Decorating Divas for more information.



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## Decorating Divas

The easy and affordable way to decorate your home

# products we love

The quick, easy and efficient solution for home painting. Now you can paint ceilings without mess or fuss! The Paintstick® paints up to three times faster and provides smooth and trouble-free paint application for those hard to reach places.

Every homeowner knows how tiresome it can be to paint ceilings. The Paintstick holds 540ml of paint and is lightweight for easy application on ceilings and hard to reach wall areas, which means that you can paint an area of approximately 2.4 x 2.4 metres without having to dip the paint roller in a paint tray!

The Paintstick works by drawing paint from the tin into the integral paint holder located in the handle, and then feeding it to the roller.



**We've got 5 Paintsticks and refills to giveaway this month!**

Send us an email at [home-dzine@iburst.co.za](mailto:home-dzine@iburst.co.za) - with your name and postal address - and tell us what project you would use the Paintstick for and you could win one of these fantastic home decorating tools PLUS a refill!

With the PaintStick you get smooth, even coverage, and best of all, it eliminates all the dripping and mess from old fashioned rollers and paint trays. The Paintstick gives you extended reach from ceiling to floor without the need for ladders and extension poles.

Use the Paintstick for acrylics. Oil based paints can also be used, but clean up is with mineral spirits.

**Get your Paintstick now at leading hardware stores.**



# mirror, mirror on the table

You can mirror just about any piece of furniture. The only prerequisite is that the edges be square and the surface flat. The simple and clean lines of this table were the perfect candidate for a mirrored facelift.

## You will need:

Unfinished wood table  
Sandpaper  
Wood primer  
Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch Gloss Black (see 'Go Shopping')  
3mm mirror  
No More Nails adhesive

## Here's how:

1. Sand all surfaces, wipe away all dust before applying the primer.
2. Spray the bottom half of the legs and the edges of the tabletop glossy black. Take the table outside to do this, or in a well ventilated room.
3. Have 3mm mirror cut to fit the tabletop and glue in place.
4. Have pieces of black mirror cut for each side of the table, making them several centimetres shorter than the total height of the table. Glue the pieces to the table.

*RIGHT: Try out this mirrored table project to transform dated pieces into glam tables for your entrance or hallway.*



*The simple shape and clean lines of this table make it the easiest project to create. Glue large rectangles of mirror around the sides of the table, creating the long apron that gives this table its sleek, contemporary look.*



# combine old and new kitchen accents

Incorporating retro accents into your home is as easy as pulling in one focal piece. This refurbished table blends old and new with fresh white paint and a granite top. Two added shelves create optimal storage potential.

The teal shelves used in this kitchen may have once housed farm equipment, but now they look chic alongside a stainless-steel refrigerator. The trick is choosing the right paint colour and updating any worn hardware such as the wire screens shown here.



LEFT: Made for showing off cupcakes or fruit, this tiered wire rack is a premium antique find. Modernise the look, and add useful storage space, by using the piece to house clear glasses, a collection of coffee mugs, or colourful plastic tumblers.

Food containers and lids stored under cabinets can turn into a disorganized mess. Thankfully, plastic storage containers have come a long way since the 1940s. Modern designs in pretty colours make showing them off a cinch.

Achieving a sleek storage look is easy. Just gather coordinating containers in the same colour or material, then print out matching labels that provide a cohesive look and help make it easy to find what you're looking for.



LEFT: This vintage banana crate - found in a trash dumpster - adds a splash of personality to this otherwise neutral room. Raising the crates to waist level makes the storage space more accessible.

Make the most of your wall space and give an old cupboard a modern update by mounting it and placing coordinating vases on its upper shelf.



# which grain is right for you?

With so many options to choose from, how do you know which floor is right for you?

And once you have made the decision to install a laminate floor what comes next?

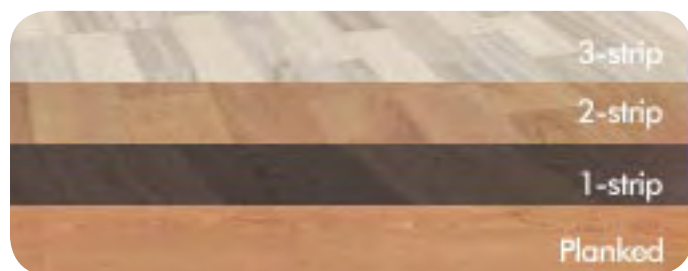
Laminate floors are available in a wide range of wood grains such as ash, beech, birch, maple, oak and walnut, to name a few. As you would stain timber, these wood grains are available in variants of light, medium and dark shades. Your choice should be influenced by how the room is used. It is particularly important to consider whether an area is likely to get a high level of foot traffic, and pick a wood grain and shade that can cope with it. A light colour with an almost non-existent grain will not be adequate where there is a lot of foot traffic, as it would show dirt more easier than would darker shades.



Having selected the grain and shade, the next step would be to decide upon long or short plank - plank, 1-strip, 2-strip or 3-strip variations are available for most grains.



You can opt for flooring that shows off the natural grain of the wood, or go for a more intricate look by selecting various sizes of floorboards.

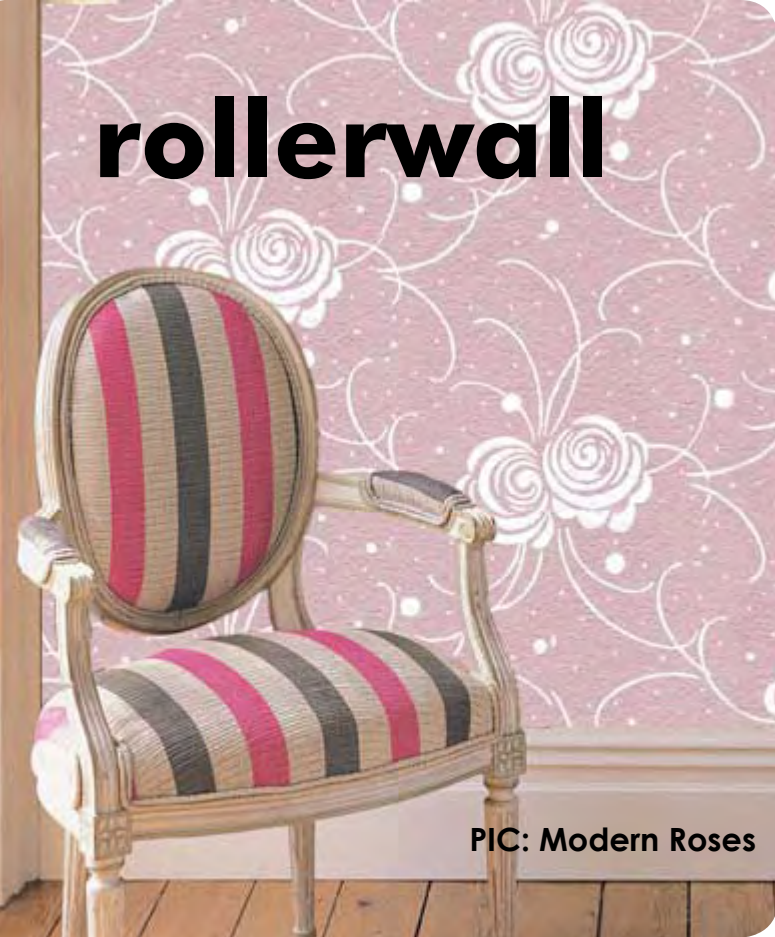


Floors - just as with walls - can be used to create an optical illusion. A long strip pattern in flooring, when run with the length of a long, narrow room, will exaggerate the bowling-alley effect; in a square room, the long strips will give the room a rectangular feel.

Before you decide on what type laminate flooring to buy, bear in mind that - whatever style you choose - the end result is in keeping both with what you like and with the rest of your home.



# rollerwall



PIC: Modern Roses

**If you can't decide between expensive wallpaper or plain blank walls, and find faux painting too messy and time consuming, then it's time to try Rollerwall!**

Create stunning interiors that will have the rich look of wallpaper - at the price of paint - without any of the mess or bother!



Rollerwall is better than wallpaper because it cannot peel or tear, there are no seams, and it never needs to be steamed off. And unlike faux finishing techniques which require costly paints and special glazes, WallPrinting works with ordinary matt, satin or sheen paints.

The Rollerwall Design Painting and Decorating System consists of two parts: The first part is a pattern roller, which has a raised pattern embossed on its surface. The second part is an applicator, which consists of a frame, a handle, and a special foam feeder roller. To use it, you simply roll the feeder roller into some paint (any paint, no special glazes needed), snap on a pattern roller and you're ready to roll!

## Be Creative!

**With Rollerwall, turn the ordinary... into the extraordinary!**

## Not just for walls

**Apply Rollerwall to doors, furniture, fabrics, curtains, and much more!**

As you roll, the surface of the pattern roller picks up a thin, uniform layer of paint and deposits it on the wall to print a perfectly uniform pattern. You cannot run out of paint in the middle of the wall because the foam feeder roller can hold enough paint to complete 3 full passes down the wall. The pattern will never drip - it will look perfectly uniform across the entire wall.

## IT'S EASY TO DO IT YOURSELF!

Decorative painting with Rollerwall is easier than it looks. You don't need artistic skill, and you can do it perfectly well even if you can't draw a straight line. Just begin in any corner of the room, using the corner as your guide. Each pass becomes your guide for the next pass. Allow the passes to overlap slightly - this eliminates the appearance of seams - and watch the pattern unfold before your eyes almost like magic.

A strip of masking tape protects the ceiling, and a subtle and very distinctive 10mm border creates an attractive framed-in look. All parts are completely washable and re-usable. You can apply a complete faux-wallpaper look in any room in just one hour.



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'Go Shopping'**

# bookcase makeovers



Sometimes a plain bookcase can be transformed in a single day, at very little cost, into a truly wonderful piece. What's your favourite?

Even though this bookcase (above) is unfinished and bare, it is solidly built, features a strong profile and architectural details, making it the perfect piece for a makeover.

Here are a couple of ways in which you can transform a bookcase to match your own decor style, on a small budget, to turn a plain bookcase into a more personalised item.

## Stylish Storage

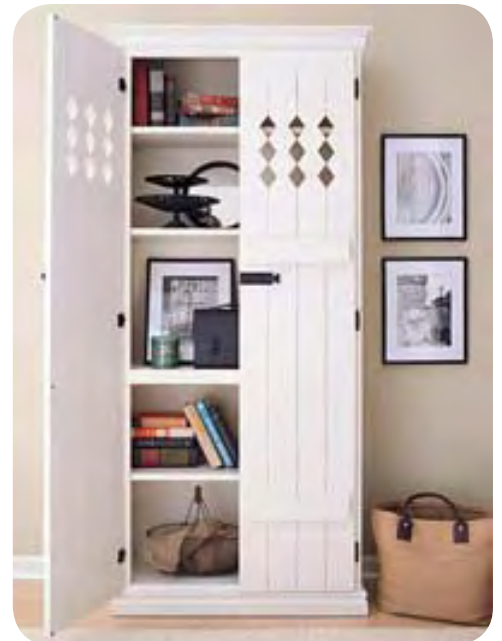
Pull the shade on unsightly essentials while showing off your organised storage. Start by giving the bookcase a rich colour with a deep mahogany stain. To create the handy shade, purchase a linen roller shade to fit in the width of the bookcase then install the hardware on the inside edges of the frame. Finish off the shade pull with a decorative finial or tassel.

## Country Cupboard

To transform this bookcase into a cupboard, add a pair of pretty shutters with a touch of country character. These easy-to-make doors can be made using tongue and groove panelling that is available from almost any hardware store or building centre. After sanding, priming, and painting the pieces, hang the shutters on the bookcase with cabinet hinges. Top it off with a forge-iron shutter bolt to secure the doors closed.

## Soft and Sassy

With a pretty damask print in the background and a sassy skirt, this bookcase is given a cottage chic makeover with a feminine flair. To get this look, start by painting the case and shelves cream. Cover the back with a piece of wallpaper in a floral, toile, or damask pattern. Just remember to keep the pattern simple so it doesn't take away from the items you are showcasing in the bookcase.



# Child's desk

Children love to play, but they also love to work if the surroundings are right and our desk is sure to help.

easy!

## You will need:

- [1] 1100 x 531mm 19mm SupaWood - top
- [2] 531 x 531mm 19mm SupaWood - leg panels
- [1] 1100 x 500mm 19mm SupaWood - back panel
- [2] 500mm bracket strips

Round head screws 4 x 17 mm

Flat head screws 4 x 40 mm

Sanding pads 120 – 240-grit

Wood filler

Roller for applying base coat, primer

**Tools:** Jigsaw, sander, drill, cordless screwdriver, wood drill bits, countersink bit

## Here's how:

The desk top rests on two leg panels and is fastened to them with aluminium brackets. The rear panel fastened to the back of the desk is a decorative effect that also reinforces the desk structure.



1. The brackets used to connect the boards should be available in your DIY store. You can cut them to length using a jigsaw or hacksaw. Drill 4mm holes in the brackets. Countersink the holes on the inside of the brackets using the same countersink bit that you use for wood.

Now place one of the sides on the outer surface and position the bracket so it is flush with the upper edge. Mount the bracket in this position using the cordless screwdriver and screws (4x17). Follow the same procedure for the other leg panel.

Visit page 15 to view the construction diagram for this project.



2. Lay one of the leg panels with the attached bracket onto its front side on your work surface. Align the desk top with the relevant side panel on top of the leg panel. Using the screwdriver and screws (4x17), mount the leg panel. Once you have fastened the other leg panel, the desk is already complete without the rear panel, but not yet steady.
3. Using a pencil, draw the chevrons at the upper edge of the rear panel. Using a jigsaw, cut the pattern above the pencil line if possible. The more accurately you cut along the line, the less work you will have to do later with a wood file and sanding paper when straightening.
4. Now place the rear panel with its back face down on your work surface and align the rear edges of the desk on top. Using a pencil, trace the outline of the leg panels and the desk top on the rear panel. Remove the desk and predrill holes for fastening the screws in the centre of the outlines. Remember to countersink the holes on the back of the rear panel. Align the rear panel on top. Using the cordless screwdriver and screws (4x40), fit the rear panel to the desk.
5. Take time to prepare the surfaces so they are in the best working condition possible before starting assembly. Fill in the screw holes in the SupaWood surfaces on display using wood filler. Once dry, sand the area smooth using 120-grit sanding paper. Lightly sand all edges to create a small bevel. Use a sander and 180-grit sanding paper.
6. SupaWood is extremely absorbent. For this reason, apply a base coat or primer, and pay particular attention to the edges (i.e. apply several layers). Ideally, you should first paint the inner edges, then the outer edges and then finally the surfaces; working on these with even, parallel strokes. Use a foam roller for a smooth finish.



#### TIP FOR SCREWING TOGETHER TWO PIECES OF WOOD

IN THE PIECE WHERE YOU WANT TO INSERT THE SCREWS FIRST, ALWAYS PREDRILL A HOLE THAT IS 0.5 TO 1 MM LARGER THAN THE SCREW DIAMETER; THE HOLE SHOULD BE COUNTERSUNK FOR THE SCREW HEAD. IN THE PIECE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO DRILL SECOND, PREDRILL A HOLE THAT IS ALWAYS 1-MM SMALLER THAN THE SCREW DIAMETER.

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## working with supawood

SupaWood is perfect for all your DIY projects that involve a painted or faux finished surface.

### painting supawood

As supawood is extremely porous, is important to prime the surface before painting. You can use any number of waterbased primers such as an acrylic primer, or a universal undercoat. This base coat of primer will reduce the amount of paint absorbed by the product and give the top coat a truer shade. The primer will also prevent a blotchy, uneven finish due to its porous surface.

When painting solid areas, paint brushes and foam paint rollers work well.

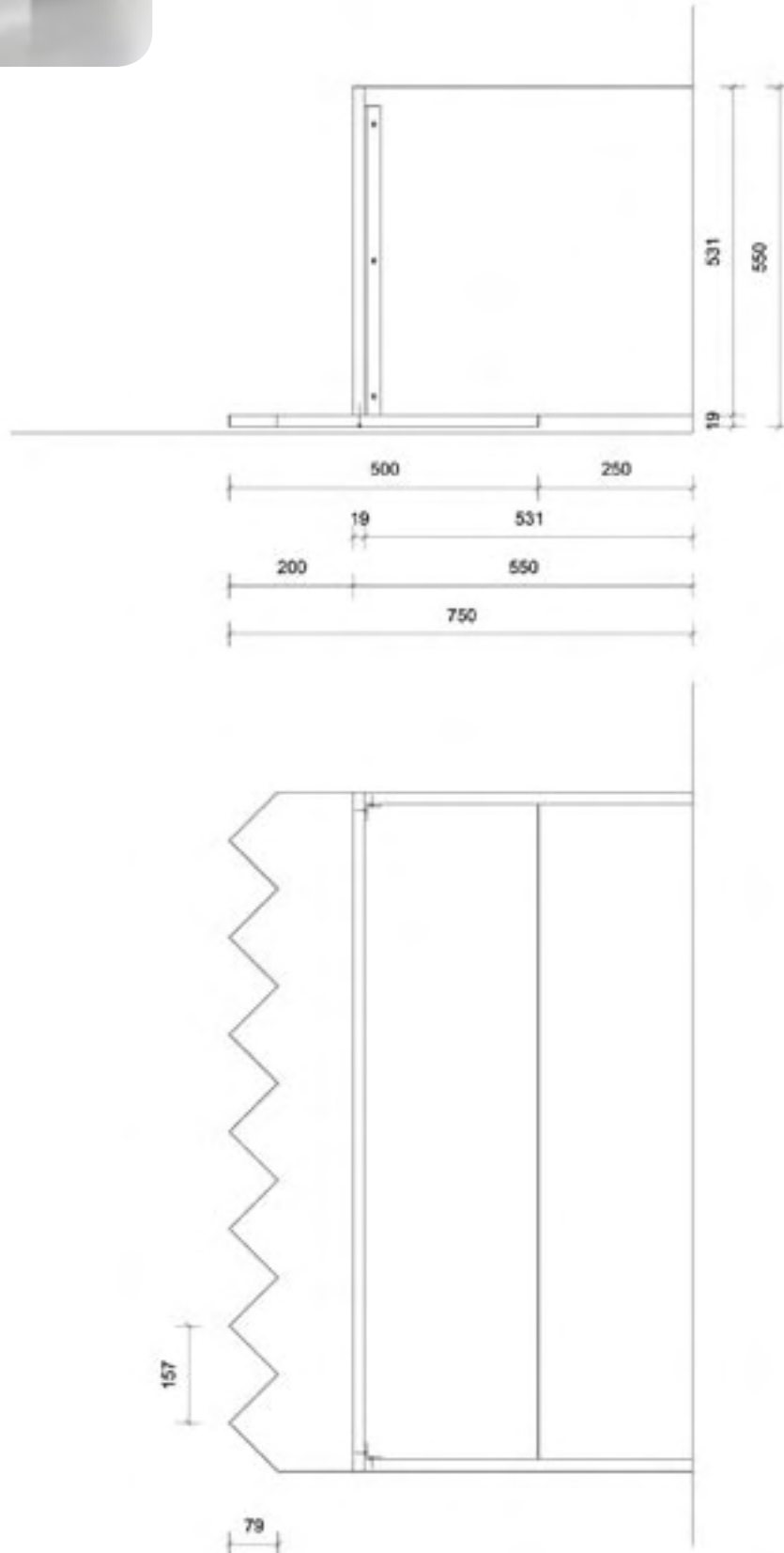
Best results are often obtained by applying two coats of paint and fine sanding the wood in between coats. Any acrylic, waterbased paint will suffice in painting a top coat.

Also, keep in mind that painting both sides of the supawood will help prevent bowing when the paint dries and offer additional protection against moisture.



# Cutting Diagram for Child's Desk

Have all your timber cut to size and edged at your local Timbercity. It's very affordable and saves a lot of time and energy.



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# leaning shelves

Whether you choose to make this piece more functional, as in this office setting, or place it in a family room to showcase treasures, the basic construction is the same. You stain or paint to dress it up or down to fit the look of any room.

## You will need:

- [1] Sheet 19mm plywood cut to sizes as indicated in diagram on next page.
- [3] Pine 25 x 75mm lengths of 2.5m
- [4] Pine 25 x 100mm lengths of 2.5m
- Wood glue
- Wood nail
- Foam pads
- Tools: Circular saw or jigsaw, sander, hammer

## DIY Tip:

*Always specify PG Bison plywood to ensure quality board. Examine the ends, edges and surface for blemishes or rough areas that won't easily sand out.*

Have all your timber cut to size and edged at your local Timbercity. This makes the project so much easier and cuts the time to make in half. Remember to leave off edging for those sections to be angle cut.

1. One end of each shelf side has a 10-degree cut at the top and bottom, so we recommend first cutting them square at their exact length, then cutting the angle carefully so the long edge of each piece remains the same. Cut cleats F and H in exactly the same way. Sand edges smooth.
2. To begin assembly, lay out both uprights and all cleats to ensure that the angles are correct so the shelves will be level when the unit is against the wall. Then glue and nail the first cleat flush with the base of each upright (using five or six nails) on each cleat. Work your way upward using 25 x 76mm spacers. Make sure the spacer is the exact same width as the shelf sides! Set these aside to dry.

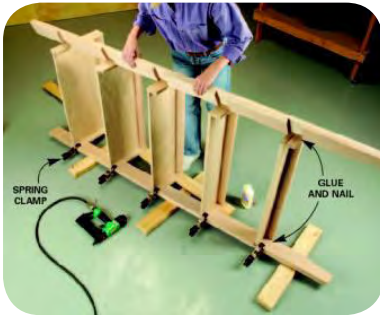
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3. For shelf assembly, glue and nail on the shelf backs. Next, apply the sides with glue and nails

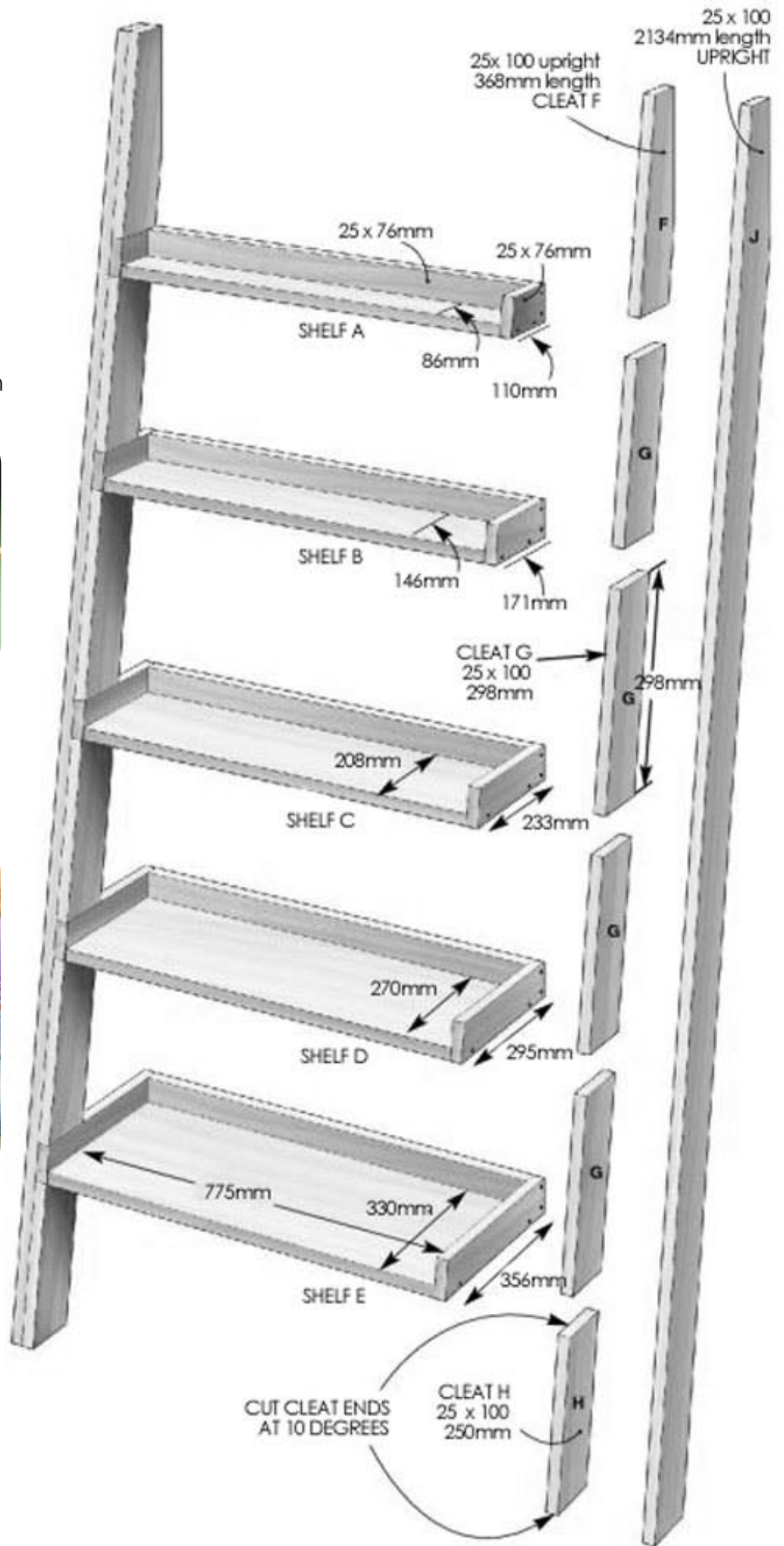
4. For final assembly, lay one upright on timber supports, then clamp on the shelves as shown below. Apply the glue, position the second upright on top flush with the front edge of the shelves, then sink four nails into each shelf from the upright side.



6. Carefully turn unit over and repeat the process to attach the second upright. Work quickly so the glue doesn't set.



7. Lift the ladder shelf and place it upright against a straight wall. Check it with a framing square and flex it if necessary to square it up and to make sure that the uprights rest flat against the floor and wall (assuming your floor is level). Attach three bar clamps while the glue dries.



# make straight cuts with your circular saw



A circular saw is perfect for slicing up plywood and other sheet goods. Unless you use a circular saw every day, however, trying to eyeball a straight cut across a sheet of plywood is like steering a boat without a rudder. A scrap-made jig can solve that problem once and for all.

This straightedge jig consists of a 3mm plywood base with a fence screwed to it. That's it! The edge of the base lines up exactly with your saw's blade, because you'll use your saw to trim the base to the perfect width. So, it's easy to set the jig precisely for the cut you want to make: just line up the edge of the base with your workpiece layout marks and clamp it down. The fence backs up your saw base and keeps the blade tracking straight through the cut (see pic 1).

## Here's how:

1. Rip (cut) a piece of 3mm thick plywood or hardboard about 250mm 2m long. This way, you can use the straightedge for crosscutting full sheets.
2. Rip a straight piece of 3mm wood or plywood to serve as the jig fence. Make your fence a couple of cm wider than the distance your circular saw motor overhangs its base. The extra fence width will allow room for clamping the jig in place. Align the ends and one long edge of the base and fence, and fasten them together with glue and 6mm flathead wood screws.
3. Clamp the straightedge jig to the edge of a workbench, and set your circular saw so the blade will cut through the base. Trim the base to correct width by guiding the saw base along the jig fence (see Photo 2). Be sure to use a sharp, carbide-tipped blade to trim the base neatly.
4. Now that your straightedge jig is custom-fitted to your saw, using it is a snap. To cut a sheet, first raise it off the floor with scrap blocking to create a clear space for the blade. Make sure the whole sheet is supported adequately and on both sides of the cut. Draw tick marks on each edge of the sheet to mark the cut, and line up your straightedge base with the layout marks. Clamp the jig securely to the sheet, and you're ready to go.

Quick, easy, and best of all, straight!





## What to do in your garden in June

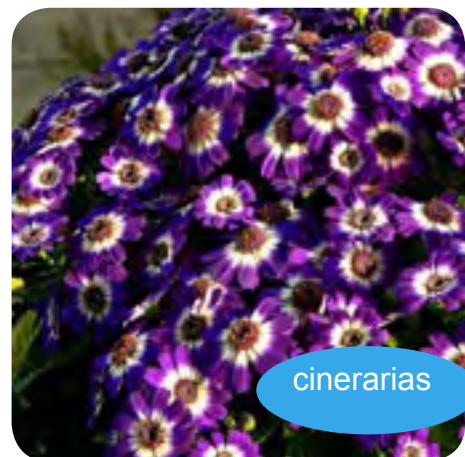
- Protect tender plants against falling night temperatures with a light fleece covering or hessian.
- Restore your wooden garden benches, gates, chairs, jungle gyms and wendy houses.
- Ensure secateurs and pruners are sharp and spray bottles are in good working order in readiness for pruning.
- Continue fertilising established winter flowering annuals like pansies, cinerarias, primulas and petunias on a fortnightly basis.
- Cut down on watering your kikuyu lawn to twice a month.
- Continue watering and fertilising your planted spring bulbs as you don't want them to dry out.
- Continue mulching your garden beds with bark chips, saw dust, mulch and compost to provide a warm layer through the winter and to assist with the retention of water
- You are still able to split perennials like agapanthus, clivias, dietes and cannas.
- Plant vegetables like swiss chard, onions, cabbage, beetroot, lettuce varieties, onions, garlic and celery.
- Sow flower seeds like Namaqualand daisies, Virginian Stocks, mesembryanthemums, Californian poppies and nasturtiums.



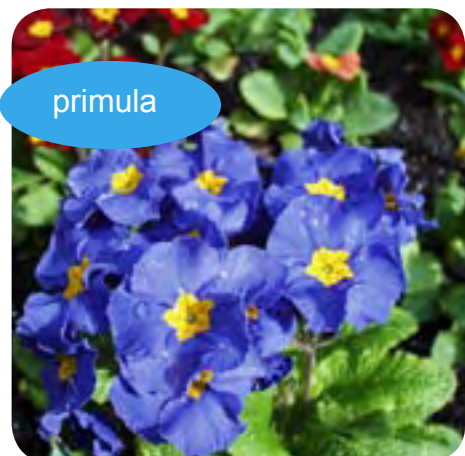
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### Fertilising winter flowering annuals

Winter growing herbs, spring flowering bulbs and winter flowering annuals like your pansies, primulas, petunias, violas, poppies, primroses and cinerarias do need regular fertilising in winter.

Use a fertiliser where the nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) contents are of equal quantities like Multifeed, Hadeco Flower Bulb Food and Pokon Liquid Plant Food. You don't want a fertiliser high in nitrogen as this will encourage leggy growth. Be careful not to over fertilise either as this can also be detrimental - once every two weeks will be perfect for optimum and healthy flowers.





# make a planter bench

The hardest part of building a wood bench is ensuring that its legs are sturdy. So to make it easy to build this 3m long bench, we designed a bench top that rests on a pair of oversize ceramic pots. Add plants or trees to enrich the look; we used New Zealand flax.

## You will need:

- [4] 50 x 150mm x 3000m slats
  - [2] 50 x 150mm x 2994mm sides
  - [8] 50 x 150mm x 490mm cross pieces
  - Wood screws
  - 120-grit sandpaper
  - [2] very sturdy ceramic pots
  - Heavy paper or scrap cardboard
  - Woodoc 50 Exterior Sealer
- TOOLS:** Drill, sander, jigsaw

## Here's how:

1. Build the bench according to the diagram on the next page.
2. Measure the inside diameter of one pot (ours is just under 430mm.). On a piece of heavy paper or scrap cardboard, draw and cut out a circle that is 50mm less in diameter.
3. With a helper, place pots under appropriate section of the bench top, as you carefully lower top onto pots. Centre the cutout circle over each pot and trace its outline.
4. Cut out each circle using the jigsaw. Sand the cut sides and bench top, then use the paintbrush to seal wood with Woodoc Exterior Sealer.
5. Place the pots in their desired location and position bench top before filling pots with soil. Add plantings through the cutouts.

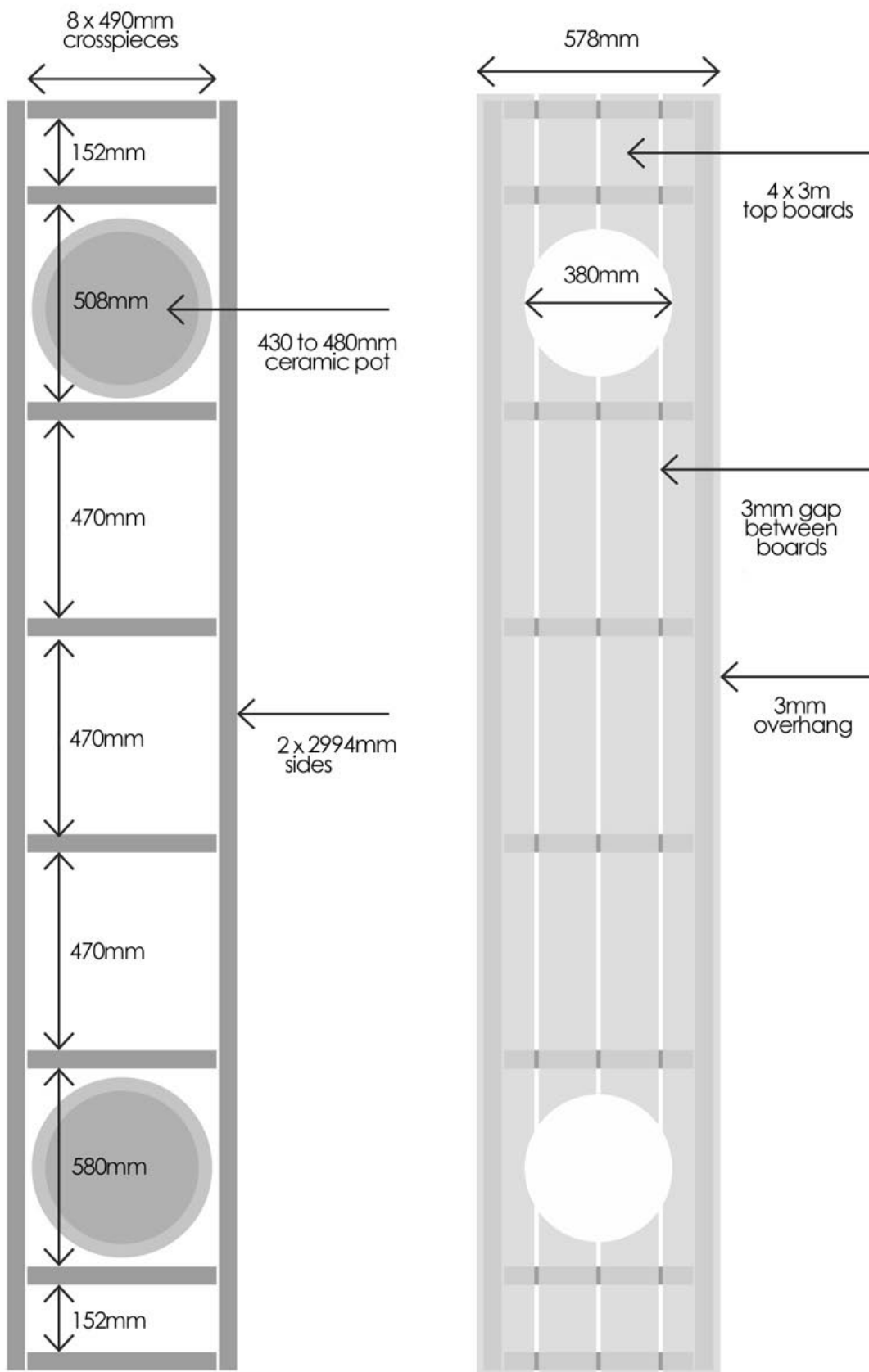
**See construction diagram on next page.**





# Cutting Diagram for Planter Bench

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# winners!

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## Q. Nqobile

I have a lounge area flowing into the dining area it has huge amount of space with less furniture. It allows a great amount of sunlight and gets really cold in winter. I need a colour which can make the house feel smaller and warmer.

## A. Janice

If you want to make a room seem more cosy and warmer, the red side of the colour wheel is the way to go. This includes red, orange, yellow, brown and black. You can go with any shade - light or dark - and even mix and match various shades and hues.

I have a large dining room in which I have painted a feature wall in a deep blood red, and the remaining walls are a golden wheat/burnt yellow colour, and it works perfectly. These colours make the room appear very warming and cosy.

# Q zone

Send your Q & A for decor, decorating and DIY dilemmas to [home-dzine@iburst.co.za](mailto:home-dzine@iburst.co.za).

## Q. Ebie

I would like more info on how to manufacture my own paving stones, etc.

## A. Janice

Here's how to make your own paving stones.

1. Make a form (box) from scrap timber to the size that you want the stones. The form should have four sides and a base but be open on top. Into this you will pour the concrete mix and leave to cure for at least two weeks. For a decorative effect you can put pebbles (or anything for that matter) in the frame before pouring in the concrete.
2. I have previously used plastic flower pot trays (the ones at the bottom of a flower pot to collect water). I line these with cling wrap so that I can use them again and again.

For the concrete mix you will need to add chipped stone for strength. Speak to your local hardware store and they will be able to assist you.

## Q. Merize

I bought an old bedside table. The corners are a bit damaged and the table needs to be repainted. I want to finish it in white satin gloss. How will I go about to restore the pedestal?

## A. Janice

1. Sand all the existing paint off the table with 60-grit sandpaper. You can use wood filler to repair any damaged areas. Once all the paint has been removed and the wood filler is completely dry, sand again with 240-grit sandpaper.
2. Apply a solvent-based/oil-based primer to the entire project and leave to dry. Sand lightly with 240-grit paper to remove any paint streaks.
3. Apply 2 coats gloss enamel, allowing sufficient drying time after the first coat, and sanding lightly with 240-grit sandpaper to remove any streaks. I would recommend that you use a small foam roller for the final coat, for a smooth finish.

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