

Simple cold frame

Mark Rayner creates an inexpensive cold frame from treated battens, fence palings and some recycled clear plastic.

YOU WILL NEED:

19mm flat head galvanised nails
50mm jolt head galvanised nails
2 x 1.2m fence palings
25mm x 50mm treated battens
Clear plastic
Craft knife
Hammer
Paintbrushes
Pencil

PVA glue
Resene Lumbersider
– tinted to Resene Escape
Resene Quick Dry
Sandpaper
Saw
Set square
Tape measure
Craftknife



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STEP ONE

Measure, mark and cut the two fence palings in half. Smooth rough edges with sandpaper.



STEP TWO

Assemble, as shown, to form the base box frame. Fix at each corner with PVA glue and nails, ensuring corners are at right angles using the set square. Allow glue to dry.



STEP THREE

Measure, mark and cut four battens to create a top frame slightly larger than the base frame.



STEP FOUR

Smooth rough edges with sandpaper.



STEP FIVE

Assemble the top frame, fixing at each corner with PVA glue and nails. Cut two more pieces of batten and attach along opposite sides of the top frame for additional strength. Ensure corners are at right angles using the set square. Allow glue to dry.



STEP SIX

Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the top frame, allowing two hours to dry. Also apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the base frame, allowing two hours to dry.



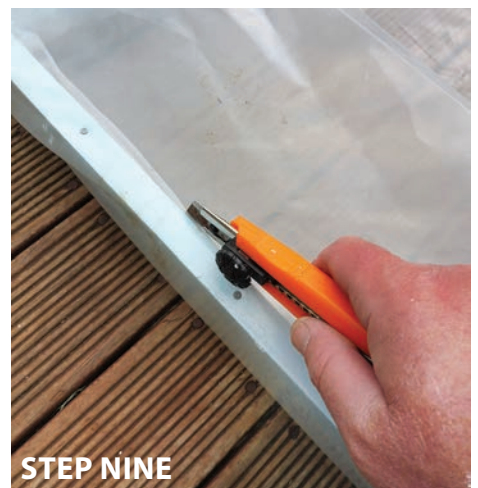
STEP SEVEN

Apply two coats of Resene Escape to the top and base frames, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



STEP EIGHT

Fix the plastic sheeting to the top frame with 19mm flat head nails, folding around the frame and under the edge, as shown.



STEP NINE

Trim off any excess plastic.