

DECK POND & PLANTER

Rose Hughes constructs a compact, colourful aquatic feature

MATERIALS

You will need: Pond 3m of 240mm x 25mm dressed pine • Base 1 sheet of 17mm ply • Feet 700mm of 50mm x 50mm H3 treated pine • Selleys 3 in 1 Clear • ADOS adhesive • 6g x 32mm screws • Straight edge • Drop saw • Skilsaw • Sandpaper • Drill, bit and countersink bit • Tape measure and pencil • Cemix Pond & Trough Waterproof • Undercoat, paint and brushes • Solar water feature (optional)

Cutting list Pond 2 x 900mm x 240mm – sides • 2 x 380mm x 240mm – ends • 1 x 380mm x 210mm – divider • Base 862mm x 380mm • Feet 2 x 350mm

Cost \$200 excluding plants and the solar fountain (about \$20 online).



1 Cut the timber to size. Mark, drill and countersink the drill screw holes to the bottom and sides of the side panels. Mark, drill and countersink the screw holes to the bottom of the end panels.

2 Apply the ADOS contact adhesive to the long edge of the base and one side panel. Position so that the side is centred on the base and attach with screws. Repeat for the other side panel. Glue and attach the end panels. Clamp or apply pressure to get a good bond.

3 Mark the position for the garden area approximately 300mm from one end. Drill and countersink screw holes to sides and base. Glue and screw into position. Attach the feet from the inside.

4 Silicon seal all of the joins. Allow to dry. Mask the top edge of the box. Then, following the instructions, apply two coats of the Cemix Pond & Trough Waterproof. Allow to dry between coats and cure for seven days.

5 Fill the screw holes, allow to dry, then sand. Undercoat the exterior of the pond with Quick Dry Primer. I used a metallic paint for this project. Apply a coat of Resene Lumbersider then the top coat. I used Lumbersider 'Optimist' and an Enamacryl Metallic top coat in 'Yeehaa'.

6 Drill a few holes in the base of the garden area. Fill with potting mix and plant up. Add water plants and a solar powered fountain. ❀