Resene

Ladder shelving

★★☆ **Difficulty level** ★ easy ★★ moderate ★★★ challenging

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with Mark Rayner – 46

You will need:

- 2 x 75mm screws
- Clean cloths
- Detergent and water
- Nylon pot scrubber
- Old wooden ladder
- Paintbrushes
- Paint scraper
- Paint stirrer
- Resene Aquaclear (gloss)
- Resene Colorwood Enhance in Resene Jarrah
- Resene Strip Off paint stripper
- Sandpaper
- Screwdriver
- Solvent resistant gloves and protective goggles
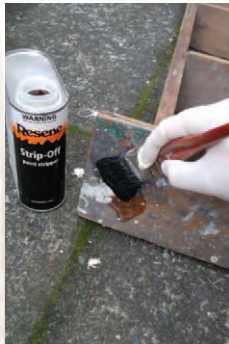
Step one
Wearing gloves and goggles, apply a generous amount of Resene Strip Off to any paint and varnish splatters on the ladder and leave for at least 30 minutes.

Step two
Carefully remove with a paint scraper, running in the direction of the grain. Remove any stubborn residue with a nylon pot scourer, rubbing in the direction of the grain.

Step three
Wash down with a weak mix of detergent and water to completely remove residue. Allow to dry for 24 hours.

Step four
Using medium and fine grade sandpapers, sand the ladder running in the direction of the grain.

Step five
Wipe off any sanding dust with a clean cloth.

Step six
Carefully pour the Resene Colorwood Enhance into the Resene Aquaclear and stir well with a paint stirrer.
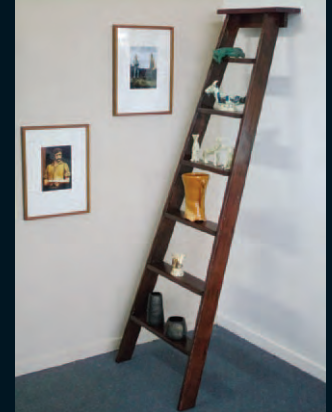

Step seven
Apply one coat of Resene Aquaclear to the ladder, brushing in the direction of the grain, and allow two hours to dry.

Step eight
Repeat step seven and apply a third coat of Resene Aquaclear, if necessary, to achieve a high gloss finish. Once dry, fix securely to the wall with two 75mm screws.

Interior

Turn an old wooden ladder into a fabulous shelving unit with a little bit of help from Resene.

To get the look:

Mark painted the background walls with Resene SpaceCote Flat. One was tinted to Resene Alabaster and the other tinted to Resene Sour Dough.

Other ideas:

For a dark effect use a combination of Resene Aquaclear mixed with Resene Colorwood Enhance Black.

For more ideas and inspiration visit your local Resene ColorShop or the Resene website.