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Ways with wood  
with Mark Rayner – 72

Turn a plain MDF table into a stylish piece of furniture using this easy faux wood grain technique.

### You will need:

- Clean cloth
- MDF table
- Paintbrushes
- Resene Aquaclear gloss
- Resene Colorwood testpots of Resene Cherrywood, Resene Japanese Maple and Resene Western Red Cedar
- Resene Quick Dry
- Resene testpot of Resene All Black
- Sandpaper



**Step one**  
Sand the MDF table and wipe off any sanding residue with a clean cloth.



**Step two**  
Apply a basecoat of Resene Japanese Maple to the table top brushing in one direction, as shown. Allow to dry.



**Step three**  
Apply one coat of Resene Quick Dry to the base and support leg of the table and allow two hours to dry.



**Step four**  
Brushing in the same direction as the basecoat, apply alternate strokes of Resene Cherrywood and Resene Western Red Cedar, creating a wood grain pattern with the brushstrokes. Allow to dry.



**Step five**  
Paint the base and support leg of the table with one coat of Resene All Black and allow two hours to dry.



**Step six**  
Paint the base and support leg of the table with a second coat of Resene All Black and allow two hours to dry.



**Step seven**  
Apply three coats of Resene Aquaclear gloss to the table top allowing two hours for each coat to dry.

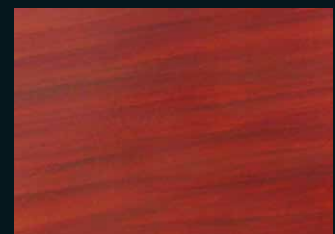


**Step eight**  
Apply three coats of Resene Aquaclear gloss to the base and support leg of the table, allowing two hours for each coat to dry.



### To get the look:

Mark painted the background wall with Resene SpaceCote Flat tinted to Resene Soft Mint.



### Other ideas:

For a darker brown use a combination of Resene Dark Oak and Resene Deep Oak over a basecoat of Resene Walnut.

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