

privacy screen

A perfect way to define different garden spaces, and screen off neighbours and working areas.



Step 1

Measure up and cut your timbers to size for the base of the screen, using a drop saw or handsaw.

Step 2

Apply two coats of stain to the base timbers, posts and slats. I used Resene Woodman Penetrating Oil Stain in Nutmeg.

Paint the 4 pieces of 22mm x 22mm and the top piece. I also painted a few slats to add interest to the screen. I used Resene Lumbersider in Charcoal with CoolColour.

You will need

- Treated timber, cedar, macrocarpa or reclaimed timber in the following sizes (can be adjusted to suit your space):
 - 3.6m of 100mm x 50mm (1 x 1.2m and 6 x 400mm)
 - 2 x fence posts at 100mm x 100mm and 1.8m high
 - 4 x 22mm x 22mm exterior timber at 1.7m high
 - 34 x timber slats at 1.2m x 38mm x 12mm deep

- 1 top piece 150mm x 25mm, and 1.8m long
- 20 x 120mm landscaping screws or bugles
- 24 x 50mm stainless steel screws, staples or brad pins

Tools

- Measure tape and pencil
- Sliding square
- Mitre saw or hand saw
- Drill or impact driver

- Bugle drill bit, square head drill bit and 4mm drill bit
- Brad pin gun or stapler
- Paintbrushes

Cost \$180 for timber and fixings. Base, posts and slats: Resene Woodman Penetrating Oil in Nutmeg. Top, side timbers and some slats: Resene Lumbersider in Charcoal with CoolColour (to prolong the life of the timber).



Step 3

Assemble the base of the screen as per the photo. Put the posts in the base frame and use the landscaping screws or bugles to screw together.

Step 4

Measure out the top piece to be centred on both of the posts and screw to the top of the post with the landscaping screws or bugles.

Step 5

Measure 20mm from the side edge of the post and mark down the post for the 22mm x 22mm timber. Pre-drill

4mm holes every 300mm and screw in to place on your mark line with the 50mm stainless steel screws.

Step 6

Install your slats with a brad gun or stapler to the 22mm x 22mm timber. I used an offcut piece of timber as a spacer to keep the slats the same distance apart.

Step 7

Screw into place the covering 22mm x 22mm timber to side the pins or staples. ■



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