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Mom's Garden Planter
by Christine DeJulio

Materials

Krylon® Interior-Exterior Spray Paint: Celery (#3543), Almond (#1506), Satin Touch Meringue (#3527)
Wood boards (used 1/2" X 3" pine)
Power saw or hand saw & miter box
Finishing nails
Wood putty
Potted Plant

General Supplies

Drop cloth
Tape measure
Pencil
Hammer
Nail set
Sandpaper
Tackcloth
Safety glasses
Wood glue or all-purpose adhesive (used Loctite Handyman's Choice)

Instructions

1. Measure and cut upright boards to different lengths. We used 16 boards - 4 at each side. These boards are cut at varying heights, which makes the project easy for a beginner do-it-yourselfer (you don't have to make perfectly even cuts).
2. Measure and cut inside support pieces for sides, front & back: First, lay out sides, front and back (4 boards each), and measure across them for total width. * Cut 4 support pieces to the exact width of the boards . * Cut 4 support pieces shorter (2 times the thickness of the board) than the width. This allows for the inside pieces to fit together like a puzzle.
3. Assemble planter box: Glue and nail the uprights and support boards together. Front & Back - Line up 4 uprights in a row making sure bottoms are flush (tops should be varying heights). Glue support board across bottoms lining up with the bottom edge and repeat with second support board. Sides - Start gluing 1st support piece up (the distance of the thickness of a board) from the bottoms of the uprights (this allows space for pieces to fit together).

4. Fit all 4 sides of planter together. Glue and nail in place.
5. Cut 3 bottom boards to fit inside planter box and nail in place.
6. Set any exposed nails with a nail set and fill with wood putty. After the putty dries, sand the entire planter box with fine grade sandpaper. Remove any dust with a tackcloth.
7. Put planter on dropcloth and spray paint with any color of your choice (we used celery) and let thoroughly dry. Mask off bottom stripe with painter's masking tape and spray with almond. Let dry. Mask off 2nd stripe and spray paint meringue.
8. When dry, set potted plant of your choice inside painted planter.

Ideas to Inspire

- Make planter a rectangular shape instead of square.
- Spray a solid color and use a decorative stencil to embellish with spray paint.

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