

DIY PROJECT: MAKE



YOU WILL NEED:

- [9] 9mm Supawood cut to 450 x 1600mm lengths (for the panels)
- [6] hinges
- Wood glue
- Sharp scissors
- Staple gun and staples
- 4 metres fabric (minimum 110 cm wide)
- 4 metres medium-weight batting
- Ribbon or binding
- Glue gun and glue sticks or fabric glue
- Tape measure or steel ruler
- Pencil
- Spray adhesive
- 240-grit sandpaper
- Clean cloth

TOOLS

- Drill/driver and assorted drill and screwdriver bits
- Jigsaw and clean-cut jigsaw blades
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Clamps
- Workbenches

TIME:
1 day
COST:
R500
DIFFICULTY:
Easy

Panel screens for **KIDS**

This screen gives a lovely feel to a nursery or toddler's bedroom. Use it to create a separate play area and keep untidy toys safely hidden.

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Cut all the panels into a curve using a jigsaw. Give these a light sanding with 240-grit sandpaper once done. Keep the cut-off sections, as you will use these later on.



Use a tape measure or steel rule and pencil to mark a 50mm border around six of the frames.



Measure and draw a line 600mm from the bottom up and also create a border below this line. This will add a decorative panel effect to the screen. Use the cut off sections from the top as a template to draw the curved line.



Working within the centre panel of all six frames, drill holes to allow insertion of the jigsaw blade. Do not drill too close to the drawn line (approximately 10mm away). Cut around the drawn line on both top and bottom sections. >>

GOOD TO KNOW

Sand the edges lightly with 240-grit sandpaper and wipe clean with a slightly damp cloth.



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Now you will sandwich the panels together in the following order: cut-out panel, solid panel and cut-out panel. Use wood glue to glue the panels together and clamp until the glue has set.



Take the assembled panels outdoors and spray with Rust-Oleum 2X in your choice of colour. Apply two coats, allowing each coat to dry before applying the next coat.



Use sharp scissors to cut both fabric and batting to the shape of the panels. It's best to drape the fabric and batting over the panels and use them as a template.



DIY TIP
Use spray adhesive to prevent fabric moving.

Apply spray adhesive to the back of the batting to allow it to stick in place while you work on the next step.



Use the staple gun to fasten fabric and batting to the frame. Keep staples as close to the edge as possible. To hide the staples, finish off by gluing a thin ribbon or binding around the edge.

GOOD TO KNOW

Today's acrylic paints are completely safe for children, plus they are washable and hardwearing.

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR FABRIC

Not sure what fabric to choose? Why not pick out a floral print or go for a princess theme for girls? These will normally be in various shades of pink.

For the boys, sports themes in colours like blue and green are always popular. If your child has a favourite cartoon character, go with that.

Note: The overall cost of your screen will vary depending on what fabric you select. ■

ASSEMBLY

Join each screen with hinges as per the instructions provided for our Moroccan screen.