

make a planter bench

The hardest part of building a wood bench is ensuring that its legs are sturdy. So to make it easy to build this 3m long bench, we designed a bench top that rests on a pair of oversize ceramic pots. Add plants or trees to enrich the look; we used New Zealand flax.



You will need:

- [4] 50 x 150mm x 3000m slats
- [2] 50 x 150mm x 2994mm sides
- [8] 50 x 150mm x 490mm cross pieces

Wood screws

120-grit sandpaper

[2] very sturdy ceramic pots

Heavy paper or scrap cardboard

Woodoc 50 Exterior Sealer

TOOLS: Drill, sander, jigsaw

Here's how:

1. Build the bench according to the diagram on the next page.
2. Measure the inside diameter of one pot (ours is just under 430mm.). On a piece of heavy paper or scrap cardboard, draw and cut out a circle that is 50mm less in diameter.
3. With a helper, place pots under appropriate section of the bench top, as you carefully lower top onto pots. Centre the cutout circle over each pot and trace its outline.
4. Cut out each circle using the jigsaw. Sand the cut sides and bench top, then use the paintbrush to seal wood with Woodoc Exterior Sealer.
5. Place the pots in their desired location and position bench top before filling pots with soil. Add plantings through the cutouts.

See construction diagram on next page.





Cutting Diagram for Planter Bench

Have all your timber cut to size and edged at your local Timbercity.

