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#### Abstract

Beautiful plants appear twice as attractive when tastefully arranged in flower pots on the patio or in the winter garden. Our box-type designs are not only elegant but also easy to build. In this country, they are our guests that have to be looked after and they have to feel well to thrive: we are referring to the potted plants from southern climes that nowadays are rarely absent from a patio. They certainly need a bit more than the usual ration of water from the can and fertilizer every now and again. Healthy and strong potted plants are usually the product of many years of painstaking care and attention. Only in this way will a lemon tree or a pretty long-stemmed laurel become a real friend over the years to a the committed plant lover. What could be more obvious therefore than to present these valuable potted plants in an appropriate manner. Here we show two flower pots made of painted or pickled wood, which elegantly cover up the conventional, and less attractive, black-plastic flower pots. With such an "Outfit", the beautiful potted plant will certainly become an eyecatcher on your patio or in your lovingly laid out winter garden. Both of these examples are box-type designs whose basic frame consists of four posts. The corners of the two-colour "fence-type bucket" are connected by picket fencing.




First, the pine wood posts are cut to size and then the top end is chamfered with four $30^{\circ}$ cuts. If you do not possess a table circular saw, you will have to take particular care when working with the extremely sharp all-purpose saw. The blind holes at the upper end of the wood, in which the four tenons of the decorative balls later sit, should be drilled in advance.

Using a router on the parallel guide and a straight bit, the slots are routed into the posts of the "fence-type bucket".

In the next step, slots are routed into which the tenons of the eight cross members mortised. A $15-\mathrm{mm}$ straight bit is used for this purpose. The slots are positioned 65 mm from the lower edge and are 60 mm long. The distance to the top slots is 188 mm . The corresponding tenons on the cross members are 20 mm deep. For this reason, the slots are routed $2-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ deeper. This leaves space for excess glue when joining. The wall strips, alternately straight and rounded, can be colour-glazed like the posts as you wish and are bolted to the cross members from the inside with the use of waterproof glue.

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Draw the longitudinal centreline on each side surface of a post and mark the midpoints. Mark a semi-circle upwards round this point (radius equals half length of post). This provides you with a dimension for rounding off the upper edge: On each of the four sides of the post, the material above the semi-circle is removed with a rasp until each post is cleanly rounded off.

The posts of the white flower pot receive a 6-mm groove to support the side walls. Guide the router on the parallel guide in this case too.

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Now cut the eight frame strips and the four side walls to size. Fit a $6-\mathrm{mm}$ straight bit onto your router. Now use the router to route a $10-\mathrm{mm}$ deep groove in the centre of the posts and frame strips. The distance between the frame strips and end of post is 50 mm at the top, and 20 mm at the bottom.

Mark off the upper ends of the posts as semicircles and round off correspondingly using a rasp. Then sand carefully.


Joining and gluing of the flower pot is then performed in two steps. First, join the frame strips and side elements together while adding glue (waterproof). The plywood must protrude laterally by 10 mm . This protruding section is then stuck into the post grooves which have been coated with glue. The gluing surface of the joint is sufficiently large to permit the frame strips to make flush contact.

Using waterproof glue, the side walls of the white flower pot are stuck into the prepared grooves of the posts.

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## MATERIAL LIST FLOWER POT

| Model 1 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Item | Qty. | Designation | Dimensions in mm | Material |
| 1 | 4 | Posts | 480 long | Pine, $70 \times 70 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| 2 | 8 | Cross beams | 390 long | Pine, $70 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| 3 | 12 | Wall strips | 420 long | Pine, $50 \times 12 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| 4 | 16 | Wall strips | 370 long |  |
| 5 | 4 | Carrier strips | 345 long | Pine, $35 \times 10 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| 6 | 1 | Base | $388 \times 388$ | Plywood, 10 mm |
| 4 Wooden balls, dia. 50 mm ; 4 Wooden dowels dia. $6 \times 70 \mathrm{~mm}$; screws, waterproof wood glue |  |  |  |  |
| Model 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 4 | Posts | 500 long | Pine, $45 \times 45 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| 2 | 8 | Frame strips | 350 long | Pine, $35 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| 3 | 4 | Side walls | $390 \times 370$ | Plywood |
| 4 | 4 | Ornamentation | $160 \times 120$ | 6 mm thick |
| 5 | 1 | Base | $387 \times 387$ | Plywood, 10 mm |

4 Wooden balls, dia. 45 mm ; 4 Wooden dowels dia. $6 \times 60 \mathrm{~mm}$;
waterproof wood glue



