



# DIY: Make Your Own Porta Dowel Coat Rack

with Porta timber dowels



### Step 1

Gather your supplies.

#### Porta Tip

We used 40mm Porta dowel, available in Clear Pine or Tasmanian Oak, for this project. Use a larger or smaller width dowel if you prefer.



### Step 2

If you need to trim the dowel, measure and mark your desired height on all four Porta dowels.

#### Porta Tip

Cut the dowels to a height that suits you.



### Step 3

Cut the dowels to length.

#### Porta Tip

Use a drop saw or handsaw, but if you're not confident, have the dowels cut at a hardware store or timber yard for about \$5 per cut.



### Step 4

Clean up any rough edges with sandpaper.

#### Porta Tip

Left over dowel, along with double ended screws, can be used to make handy dowel hooks.



### Step 5

For a painted finish, apply two coats of paint along the length of the dowels in your preferred colour/s.

#### Porta Tip

For a beautiful finish, prime the timber before painting. We used Dulux Maiko, Very Terracotta, Sassy and Herbalist.

## What you'll need

### Materials

- 4 x 1.8m Porta 40mm Dowel DOW40TOSL
- Paint (4 x 250ml Sample Pots) and Metallic Spray Paint (if a painted finished is preferred)
- 6mm Sisal Twisted Rope (approximately 1m)

Items are available at your local timber and hardware supplier.

### Tools

- Drop saw or handsaw
- 240-grit abrasive paper
- Ruler, measuring tape and pen
- Paintbrush
- Paint masking tape

The timber for this project costs around \$210.



### Step 6

Mark 300mm (or your preferred height) at one end of each of the dowels and cover with paint masking tape.

#### Porta Tip

Sample pots are available from hardware suppliers at around \$8 each (white base).



### Step 7

Spray each 300mm dowel end with metallic spray paint.

#### Porta Tip

We used Dulux Duramax Metallic Finish spray paint in Bright Copper Rose - about \$15 at hardware stores.



### Step 8

Wrap the sisal rope around the four lengths of Porta dowel, securing with a tight knot.

#### Porta Tip

6mm sisal rope is around \$6 for 6m at hardware suppliers. Alternatively, you could use leather, ribbon, a scarf or belt to tie the dowel together.



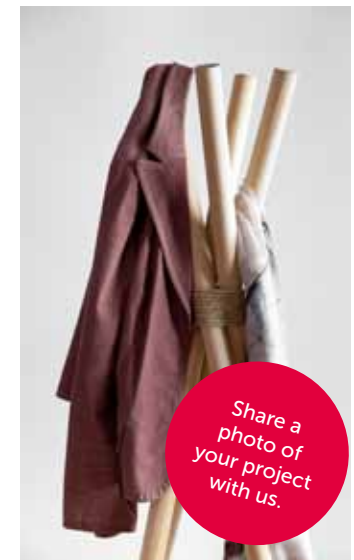
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