



DIY: Make Your Own Toy and Book Shelf

This super sweet shelf is so quick and easy to make. Plus, it requires no cutting!



What you'll need

Materials

To make a 1.2m wide shelf:

- 2 x 1.2m length of 90 x 18mm Porta Dressed All Round in Tasmanian Oak (for the back and base of the shelf)
- 1 x 1.2m length of 40 x 18mm Porta Dressed All Round in Tasmanian Oak (for the shelf lip)
- Sandpaper, grit 240
- Glue and screws / nails
- Paint (optional)

Items are available at your local timber and hardware supplier.

Tools

- Drill and drill bit or nail gun
- Sander or sanding block
- Paintbrush and drop sheet (optional)

The timber for this project costs around \$36.



How to make it



Step 1

Gather your supplies.

Porta Tip

We used 1.2m lengths of 90 x 18mm and 40 x 18mm Porta DAR in Tasmanian Oak for this project. Change the length of the DAR and/or timber species to suit your requirements.



Step 2

Glue and screw or glue and nail the 1.2m lengths of 90 x 18mm DAR together to form the back and base of the shelf.

Porta Tip

Round the top corners of the 90 x 18mm DAR if you like to remove any sharp edges.



Step 3

Glue and screw or glue and nail the 1.2m length of 40 x 18mm DAR to the shelf base to form the lip.

Porta Tip

Round the top corners of the lip if you like to remove any sharp edges.



Step 4

Sand any rough edges smooth.

Porta Tip

Sand with the grain of the timber.



Step 5 (Optional)

We left our shelf natural. However, you can paint or stain it to complement or accent your wall or furniture colour.

Porta Tip

Use paint from left over projects or buy sample pots of your favourite colours.



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