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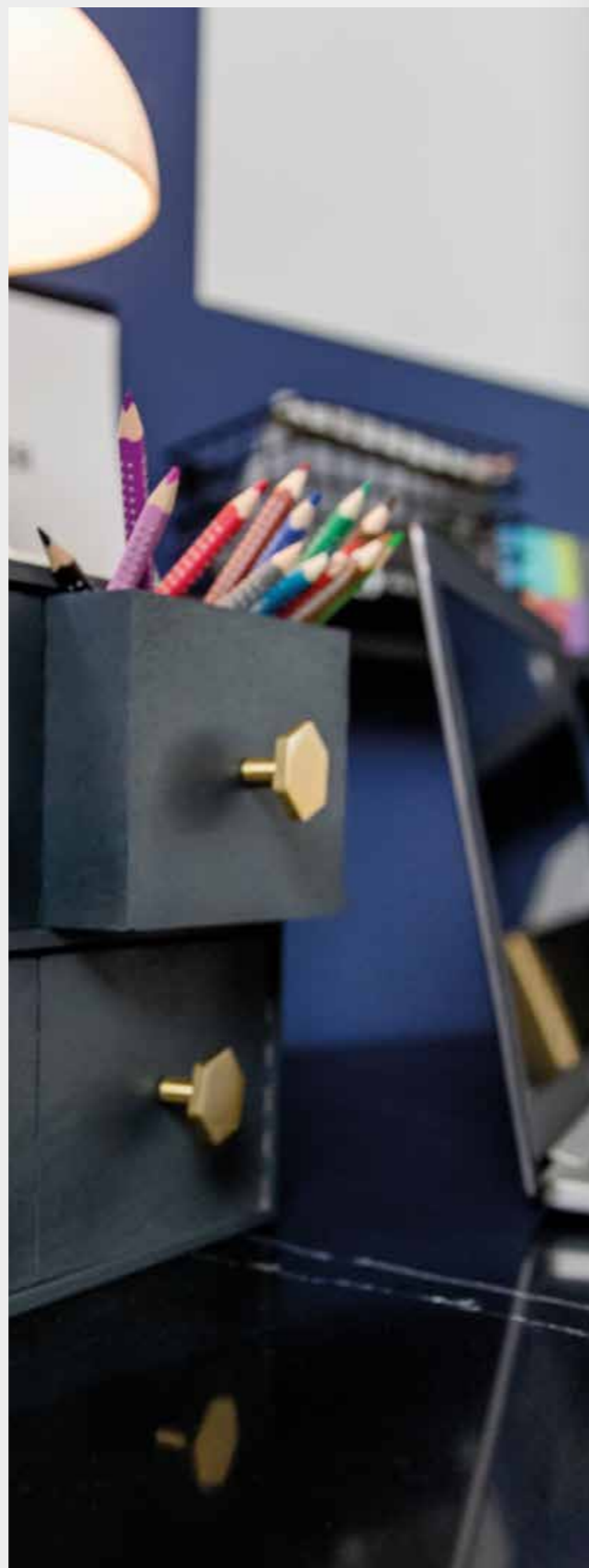
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PARTITION TIME!

Eva Brenner creates practical room dividers for home offices



Working from home is currently experiencing an unprecedented boom. The new situation is posing a multitude of challenges to workers – from the technical equipment to virtual meetings, to the essential question of “Where should I actually work?”

DO IT YOURSELF:
ROOM DIVIDERS

Not everyone has a separate room for their office, forcing many to work in their dining room, living room or kitchen. The lines between work life and personal life are blurring bit by bit and it is becomingly more and more difficult to close the laptop at night and then turn it off completely. A practical room divider doesn't just bring some order to the chaotic new work situation, it provides a dedicated area for mobile work and creates the perfect separation between work and personal life. Need some inspiration? Interior designer Eva Brenner shows how you can give both your home office and your dining room a modern, sophisticated look.



LIST OF MATERIALS

1 DIY home office room divider, made of coated MDF panels and a wood frame as per our instructions, e.g. 2 m high and 2 m wide

WAGNER paint spray system, e.g. the W590 Flexio with the standard spray attachment that comes with it and an attachment for wall paint

Wall paint in 2 different colours of your choice

Whiteboard paint

Masking material: Tape with and without film; cardboard as a spray shield; dust sheet to lay on the floor

Fine sandpaper and microfibre cloth for wiping away dust

Decorations for the divider, e.g. picture ledges etc.



Build your own room divider: here's how

Building your own room divider sounds like a big and complicated endeavour. But it's actually not hard at all! We've put together a step-by-step guide for you on our website along with a detailed list of all the materials you'll need. Then nothing can go wrong! Here's the link to the page: finish.wagner-group.com/building-a-room-divider



EVA'S PAINTING TIPS

"I recommend a dark terracotta shade for the dining room. The colour is totally on trend for 2021 and makes for a good talking point and comfortable ambience. In contrast, the classic ultramarine I've chosen for the home office is calming, giving the area depth and an inspiring atmosphere."

Step by step to your room divider's individual design

Already built your perfect room divider out of MDF panels? Then it's time for the design to partition your room in a way that both is functional and looks nice and distinctive. Eva Brenner shows you step-by-step how to stylishly stage your home office and integrate it perfectly into your interior. Best of all: Eva includes a practical built-in whiteboard surface – making the divider a practical tool for everyday work as well as a visual room divider.

Step 1

Prepare and cover

Find a suitable place where you'd like to create your room divider. Cover the floor, surrounding furniture and any nearby walls here with suitable film. Prepare a cardboard box as well to protect edges while spraying.

Step 2

Prepare device for wall painting

First use water to dilute the dispersion paint you've chosen for the living room side by about 5-10% (depending on the material and manufacturer) and load it into the spray attachment for wall paint. Now adjust your paint sprayer and set the spray jet and direction and the material volume. Spray a small amount onto a piece of cardboard to test whether the spray jet is coming out smoothly. If there are still small droplets of paint visible on the edge, you can adjust the material volume for example, or dilute the paint more.



Step 3

Spray the wall paint onto the room divider

Now it's time to spray the wall paint! Always move the paint sprayer at a consistent distance of about 10–20 cm away from the room divider. Try to spray with as consistent a speed as possible, too. Make sure the paint passes overlap each other so that your result looks nice and even.



TIP

To make your work more precise, stick cardboard around the edges of your room divider to prevent any accidental.

Step 4

Coat the other side of the divider

Now repeat the previous steps on the back of the divider. Wait a bit until the colour on the front is dry so you can mask the edges. For the second colour, you can just use a second wall paint spray attachment thanks to Click&Paint. Alternatively, thoroughly wash the attachment that you used for the first paint colour. After spraying, let both sides dry completely before you continue.

Step 5

Prepare whiteboard surface for home office divider

Before you can spray on your practical whiteboard, you should mask the area thoroughly. Start with a high-quality painter's tape to precisely line the edges and then tape the surrounding areas using a tape with film, to prevent fine paint particles from getting into the fresh wall paint. Then sand the desired area as smoothly as possible using very fine sandpaper and wipe away the sanding dust with a microfibre cloth.

Step 6

Prepare whiteboard paint

Whiteboard paint is usually a 2-component material. This means you should start by mixing the two components together well and then wait about 5 minutes before diluting the paint with about 10% water. Load the whiteboard paint into your spray attachment for wood and metal paint (with the fence symbol) and spray a test sample onto a piece of cardboard.

SIMPLY
Spray



Step 7**Spray whiteboard onto divider**

Using a cross-coat, apply a thin coat of paint and let it dry for about 30 minutes before proceeding to the second step. Spraying in a cross-coat pattern means applying the paint from top to bottom first and then left to right. Apply about 4-5 coats of the paint in this way you get a perfect writing surface for your whiteboard. After the last coat of paint, carefully pull off the tape. Let your whiteboard dry completely for at least 48 hours before you write on it for the first time with special whiteboard markers.

**EXTRAS**

If you'd like to follow along with each step more closely, Eva Brenner shows you exactly how to do it in our video tutorial on the WAGNER website. You'll also find the building guide for our room dividers, plus inspiration for many other exciting projects around the house and garden.

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building-a-room-divider](https://www.finish.wagner-group.com/building-a-room-divider)

**Now it's time to decorate the room divider**

To put the finishing touches on your room divider, decorate both sides with appropriate accessories. For offices, there are pretty and practical items that quickly create order. For example, we chose a picture ledge that provides a spot to store whiteboard pictures and is also the perfect setting for invitations or postcards. On the living room side, Eva decided to put up another picture ledge, using lovingly selected works of art and objects to create an individual look. The room's look can be changed up over and over again in just a few steps.

1 room divider – 1000 possibilities

Building a room divider just for a home office isn't worth it, you say? We disagree! Because there are countless possibilities for reusing a practical room divider in different rooms and situations: For example, use it to hide unsightly household objects such as ironing boards or drying racks, make room for a baby changing table in a flat with few rooms, create a sewing or crafts corner, partition off an area for a small workshop or use the room divider as the base for a mobile wardrobe.

8 Tips

for working at home successfully



1

Make room: Even if you can't set up a separate room for your work, make a dedicated space in your home where you can engage in work activities. A practical room divider like the one in our guide can help to create a visual boundary between your workspace and your personal life.

2

Structure: Make sure to maintain structure in your day when working from home. Otherwise, the new level of flexibility you have can sway you into investing either too much or not enough time into your work. You'll also be more accessible to your colleagues with a regular routine and have a consistent "virtual" presence.

3

Use your freedom: It may seem somewhat contrary to the second point to use your newfound freedom. But that's not the case: Be open to the new possibilities that working from home offers, such as going on a walk during your lunch break, enjoying mealtimes with your family or other small benefits that wouldn't be possible in an office.

4

Separate work and personal life: Hoping to quickly iron some laundry and then pop back into the meeting? It may sound tempting, but it's not ideal, as it will lead you to start mixing work and your private life. Better to concentrate fully on the task at hand and then switch off after your work is done.

5

Proper communication: Familiarise yourself with all the current possibilities for communicating with your colleagues and customers, and work out the best solutions for yourself to efficiently stay in touch with all your important contacts. For example, consider whether you always need to make a call, or if in many cases a chat message or short e-mail wouldn't be more efficient.

7

Take a break! It's easy to forget to take a break when your colleagues aren't there to walk to the coffee kitchen with you. But short time-outs are important for your brain, even when working from home. In a pinch, set an alarm for your breaks and walk around through the house a bit just to clear your head every so often. For longer breaks, consciously make time to eat and make a point of leaving your workspace. Maybe there's even time to take a little walk or do a bit of exercise to clear your mind.

6

Clothes make the man (or woman): Tempting as it may be to jump straight on the computer in your pyjamas, you should dress appropriately for work in the morning. This will help you get into "work mode" more easily as well as avoid unpleasant surprises in the form of spontaneous video conferences.

8

Stave off loneliness: Chatting with colleagues in passing, having lunch together in the cafeteria or spontaneously exchanging ideas about current projects keep a work social life running steady. You don't have those things working from home. So keep yourself from getting lonely by consciously scheduling virtual or telephone meetings with colleagues or personal contacts.

Working from within our own four walls has presented most of us with new challenges. To help you create your own comfortable, product work environment, we've compiled eight tried-and-tested tips from our colleagues for working at home.



CREATE AN OUTDOOR

LIVING ROOM

Easy garden

WITH PALLET

Lounge DIY

FURNITURE



A customised open-air living room in the garden – it sounds like hours of relaxing in the sun, unwinding and taking it easy with the whole family. In our tutorial, we show you step-by-step how to easily create a cosy lounge nook in your outdoor area out of Euro pallets. Two seat units and a small table – and your homley open-air area is done.

We'll show you how

Our pallet professionals, Sari and Christian from the YouTube channel "Saris Garage", always recommend using new pallets for DIY furniture, which can be purchased in DIY stores or online. With used pallets, there's no way of knowing everything that has been transported on them and what harmful substances could have seeped into them. You should always make sure to use solid wood pallets, as they last much longer outdoors. The wood in pallets made of particle board disintegrates much faster outside due to the effects of weather.

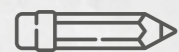
The great part about Sari and Christian's example design is that the pallets for the furniture don't have to be disassembled or cut up – which saves loads of time and effort. It also forms a giant seat where you can stretch out to your heart's content or sit down with the whole family.



EXTRAS

You can find the video tutorial for the project at:
finish.wagner-group.com/pallet-lounge





LIST OF MATERIALS

For each seating unit (bench)

4-5 Euro pallets (depending on whether you're building 2 armrests or 1)

Long wood screws (approx. 13 cm)

Strips of wood for backrest (approx. 120 cm long, 4 cm wide)

Wooden board for top of armrest

Wooden board for cupholder

Paint spray system (e.g. Universal Sprayer W 590 FLEXiO)

Exterior Wood and metal paint

Optional: 4 sturdy rollers (2 with locking brakes)

For the table

4 fruit crates

Screws

TIP

The pallet furniture in our example has a special design, but corresponds to the standard dimensions for pallet cushions. You can find these in a variety of colours online or in many DIY stores.

Step 1

Screw together the seat for the pallet furniture.

Stack two pallets together, parallel to each other. Then screw long screws at an angle through the EPAL blocks on each side to form a sturdy connection between the pallets (left and right). The front part can be left out if you prefer the way it looks, the screws on the sides already make the base frame extremely sturdy.



Step 2

Build the backrest for the pallet furniture

Now it's time for the backrest. Sari and Christian prefer a slanted backrest, which not only looks nice but is also really comfortable. However, doing this shouldn't alter the dimensions too much, or you will end up needing cushions in special sizes later, which can get expensive. The easiest way to slant a backrest is to extend the seat with a slat. Cut the slats to match the length of the pallet. The wider the slat is, the more slanted the backrest will be (approx. 4 cm in our example).

Use screws approx. 13 cm long to screw the backrest to the slat and the seat at multiple points (directly underneath the seat, in the middle and on the bottom).

If you would like to place two units next to each other, like in our example, make sure to attach the backrests at the exact same angle. You do not need to attach armrests to the sides that touch each other.



**Step 3**

Attach armrests with flat area for setting objects down

Armrests don't just make sitting more comfortable, they can also serve as flat areas to set drinks or the like. To do this, use a jigsaw to trim another pallet to three boards along the middle EPAL blocks. To adjust the armrest angle to that of the backrest, position them flush against the front of the seat and then use a ruler and pencil to draw the angle along the unit for the armrest.

It's important to subtract the thickness of the board that will be attached to the back of the armrest later before cutting. Then trim the front and back of the armrests along the lines drawn and copy the angle on the second armrest.

Finally, build the backs of the armrests. These can be made out of old wood scraps. To do this, simply hold the board against the armrest to get the desired dimensions and then trim. Then fasten the armrests to the seat with screws and, finally, screw the top onto the armrest from behind. Everything should fit flush together.

The last board serves as a tray under the armrests – allowing drinks to be safely set down, for example. The same principle applies here: hold up, draw the necessary recesses, trim and fasten with screws.

**Step 5**

Coating pallet furniture

To protect pallet furniture from the effects of weather such as rain, heat etc., it should be stained or painted at this point. The advantage of staining is that it preserves the wood grain texture, while paint gives you an evenly coloured surface. First prepare your paint spray system (e.g. the Universal Sprayer W 590 FLEXiO) and the stain or paint. Depending on how viscous your material being processed is, the stain or paint should be diluted with some water. Stir everything well and you're ready to go. Simply fill the clear container with the stain or paint, screw on the spray head and connect the entire spray attachment to the base unit. If you hear a "click" as it latches in, you've done it right. We always recommend doing a spray test on an old box or a piece of scrap wood – this lets you check the perfect setting for the device in combination with your material. Please always wear a respirator, even when working outside. Now spray the object from a consistent distance and don't change directions until you are past the pallet. **This will give you a perfect result in no time.** Sari and Christian appreciate their paint spray system primarily for the speed with which it works, as well as the ease with which it can reach all the corners and edges – a huge plus especially for pallet furniture.

**Step 4**

Sanding pallet furniture

At this point, the pallets have already been sanded down well by the factory. However, there are still a few spots that have to be sanded down to create a smooth surface that will be gentle on cushions later.

Step 6 (optional)

Fasten rollers, add plants, build a table

If you want, you can make your lounge furniture mobile by simply screwing four sturdy rollers to the bottom of the unit – two of the rollers should have locking brakes. There are already ready-made plant inserts for pallets that can be purchased for adding plants to lounge furniture. These fit perfectly and only have to be inserted into the slots in the pallet.

A perfectly sized table can be built out of four fruit crates – just coat the crates with the same paint as the furniture. Then arrange the four crates into a square so that each side has one opening. Now screw each crate to the adjacent one from the inside. That's it!

With this garden lounge made of Euro pallets, there's nothing left to stand in the way of your next summer holiday at home! Just lean back and enjoy the fruits of your labour!

TIP

With the right pallet cushions, pillows and blankets, you can make your seating nook even cosier.



PRETTY AND PROTECTED – PAINT WOODEN GARDEN FURNITURE WITH EVA BRENNER



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For many, the garden is a second living room during the summer time. Playing, enjoying the sun or dining with friends or family – it all happens outside when the temperature and weather are right. Garden furniture made of wood is a perfect and natural contrast to the lush green of the garden. The natural material is not only robust, it exudes a warm and comfortable atmosphere.



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If you want to enjoy your garden furniture for a long time to come, you should take good care of it. For seating made of wood that are exposed to weather conditions year-round, it's especially recommended to check the protective coating on it once a year. If the varnish or wood preservative is no longer intact, it's project time for painting wooden garden furniture.



TV presenter Eva Brenner, known from various DIY programmes, took on the project of refurbishing a set of teak furniture. As to the question "What's the easiest way to paint wooden garden furniture", the do-it-yourself expert only has one answer: she's going to spray the new wood preservative on!

"Today the paint spray system takes no time at all to do what used to be absolute torture", says Eva Brenner. She adds with a smile, "And the best part is, it's fun!"

In our guide, Eva shows you step-by-step how to take care of wooden garden furniture and also gives some useful tips on wood preservation.



How to prepare for painting wooden garden furniture

1. First, Eva places the table and the two benches in a protected area and lays a covering material under the table legs. To help the wood preservative penetrate more deeply into the wood and protect it from the effects of weather for longer, wooden garden furniture should always be sanded down. Eva uses an electric sander to do this, which makes this step go a lot faster.

2. Now load the stirred material into the paint spray system, do a spray test and dilute the material or readjust the spray jet if necessary. Always wear a respirator for your own protection. We also recommend them for sanding work!



DID YOU KNOW?

Which wood preservative is right for your garden furniture?

Stain, paint or oil – that's one of the questions that will come up before you can start the project of painting your wooden garden furniture. So first, here's a brief overview for DIYers on how to maintain wooden garden furniture:

Preserve wood with stain:

Staining wood is an option when you want a transparent coating, one that lets you see the grain or colour of the wood.

Preserve wood with paint:

Maybe the colour is too gaudy, or maybe it just doesn't go with your garden furniture anymore. If this is the case, you should use an exterior paint, or weather protection paint, because paint will provide an opaque coat. There are also a large number of paint colours to choose from.

Preserve wood with oil:

Oil is not only perfect for maintaining untreated wood, it also preserves and intensifies the wood's natural tone and grain. Garden furniture made of teak in particular is often treated with oil to prevent it from turning grey.





Brushing wooden garden furniture – or better still, spraying it 😊

3. Eva sprays wood preservative onto teak garden furniture at a consistent speed and distance. As she sprays, she overlaps the passes slightly to make sure the coating has good coverage.

As an expert, Eva knows the advantages of spraying wood preservative instead of applying it with a brush. In addition to the obvious fun factor, it also protects the wood much better: “When you apply wood preservative with a brush, you create brush strokes where water and dirt can collect. With a paint sprayer, it’s incredibly easy to apply the material evenly and get it into every crack. The preservative layers comes out smooth and without any grooves. As a result, the sprayed coating is more hard-wearing and keeps the furniture protected for much longer.”

Once all parts have been sprayed up and down with the wood preservative, it’s time to let the wooden garden furniture dry well.



EXTRAS

The video tutorial for repainting and preserving wooden garden furniture can be found at:

[finish.wagner-group.com/
wooden-garden-furniture](https://finish.wagner-group.com/wooden-garden-furniture)



Enjoy your wooden garden furniture!

Now comes the fun part for Eva. She gets to arrange the refreshed wooden garden furniture in well-chosen places and set the scene with a few accessories. An oriental-looking lamp, a big colourful pillow and most strikingly, a trendy outdoor rug lend this outdoor space a cosy, modern vibe. And thus it becomes the living room for the summer – with well-kept, weatherproof wooden garden furniture – just sit back and enjoy!



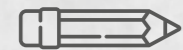
Eva Brenner also used the universal paint spray system W 590 FLEXiO for this project, which is able to spray both wall paints and fluid materials such as paint, stains and oils.

DIY

PROJECT
FOR THE
OUTDOOR AREA

HIDE YOUR BINS SO THEY DON'T SCARE THE NEIGHBOURS!

An unsightly dustbin at the entrance or in the front garden is considered an eyesore to many. Especially in the outdoor area, where everything should look lovely and harmonious, dustbins often ruin the visual effect. But where can dustbins go? You don't want them in the house, they're not decorations to go in front of the house and in sheds they're hard to access. The answer is a nice-looking hideaway for your not-so-nice-looking bins!



LIST OF MATERIALS

Please note! This building guide is for three standard dustbins (waste, recycling and garden waste), but the dimensions can be adapted to whatever your needs are.

Tools

1 paint spray device, e.g. W 590 FLEXIO from WAGNER

Grinder or sanding block with sandpaper

Cordless drill, jigsaw or circular saw

Help material

Pressure washer or bucket and rag, covering material, breathing protection

List of materials

Beams for the base frame (about 7 cm thick)

Front of frame: 1 x 214 cm, 4 x 110 cm

Middle piece: 8 x 71 cm

Back of frame:

1 x 214 cm

4 x 110 cm

1 x 54 cm

2 x 66 cm

Boards for panelling: 25 boards about 2 m long and about 15 cm wide

6 boards about 57 cm long and 10 cm wide

Other materials

3 sets of hinges and handles for the doors

Brackets and various sizes of screws

3 suitable hooks, 3 turning hooks and 3 pieces of sturdy twine

6 hinges for the cover



DID YOU KNOW?

Feeling comfortable and having a nice home are hugely important to us Germans. Expressed in figures, 93% of the population consider having a nice home to be important and 95.4% want to feel their most comfortable at home. There are little tricks you can use to make your home even nicer and enhance its comfort factor.



Your own dustbin enclosure, step by step

With a stylish enclosure, your dustbins' hiding spot can become an eye-catcher. DIY dustbin boxes give you more space in the tool shed, they look nicer and you can customise the boxes to fit the style of your house, the available space and the number of bins. However, you should take care to check the location ahead of time; the ground underneath should be even and the space should be appropriately sized for the box. Also, the wooden enclosure should ideally face away from the sun to prevent possible fermentation processes from occurring as a result of too much heat inside the dustbins.

Step 1

Prepare the work area

To build your dustbin enclosure, you should choose a suitable work space, preferably in an outdoor area. Make sure to allow plenty of space for processing the materials. A dust sheet or suitable film will protect against mess, such as from paint sprayers or sanding dust.

Step 2

Clean dustbins

Clean your dustbins before you start your project. One advantage of the enclosure is that in the future, your bins will be protected from the weather and you won't have to clean them as often.



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Step 3

Build the base frame

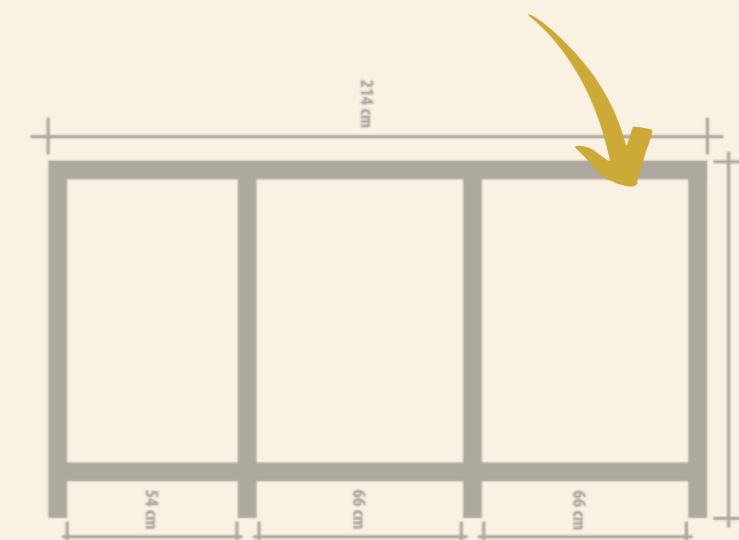
Before you start constructing the base, measure your beams and cut them to size. Review the list of materials for an overview of all the parts you will need. Because there are so many components, it's worth your while to label the beams so as not to lose your bearings!

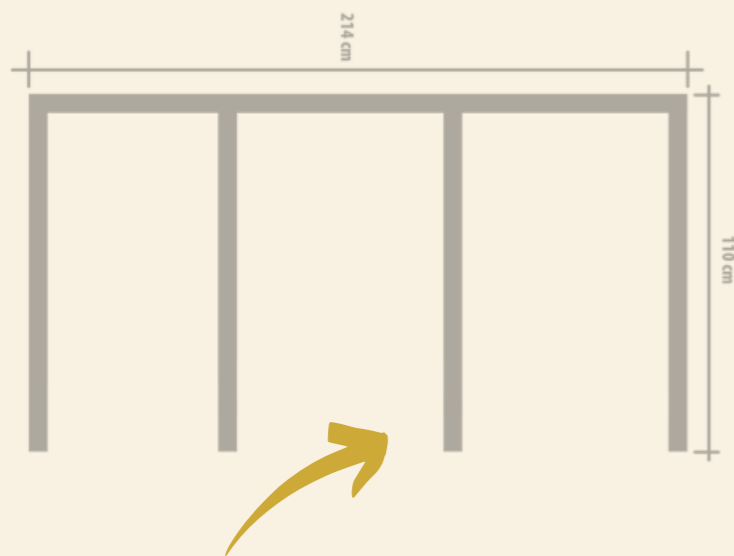
The back frame

Start with the back frame. This differs from the front frame only in that it is connected to the bottom part. Now pick up the parts you marked earlier based on the required dimensions for the back frame, and screw together the wooden beams with brackets.

TIP

Screws about 10–15 cm long, screwed into the frame from the top, are best for stabilizing the enclosure.





The front frame

Repeat the previous steps to assemble the front frame using the already trimmed beams.

Now lay the front frame on the ground and position the six intermediate beams on the frame. Then the intermediate beams are connected with brackets. Then the back frame is mounted onto the intermediate beams already connected.

TIP

For free-standing feet, simply leave 10 cm of space to the ground when you mount the intermediate beams.



Step 4

Building the enclosure

Choosing the right wood: A variety of wood types can be used, and you will need to consider how much you want to spend on the project. Our tip: Pine is perfectly adequate and is much cheaper than, say, higher quality larch wood. Thanks to its good weather resistance combined with relatively low cost, you could also consider using Douglas fir.

Slowly lay the suitable boards on the sides of the frame you built earlier, which should be enclosed (back panel and side panels) and screw them to the base structure.

You can now easily saw off the boards that hang over the edge and then sand down the cut surfaces.

TIP

We recommend using a suitable spacer to ensure that the distance between boards is consistent.



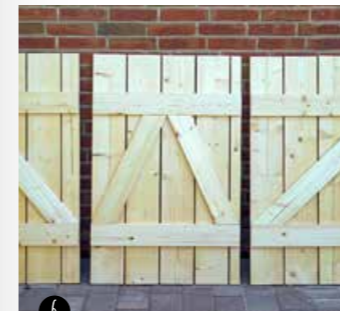
Step 5

Build the cover

The cover will later consist of three folding pieces. This will allow the panels for the individual flaps to be attached to the base structure from below. To build the cover, lay the boards on the frame as you did in the step before and saw the ends off to fit. Then attach the boards from underneath using a cross-wise screw connection.

CAUTION: Use short screws no longer than the wood is thick, or else the screws can break through the wood on the top!

Once the cross-wise screw connection is attached, the cover can be divided into three parts. To do this, just draw in your desired cut edges and saw the cover along the lines.



Step 6

Build the doors

Now we come to the highlight of the dustbin enclosure, the doors! Arrange the boards in a row, taking the internal dimensions of your dustbin enclosure as your guide. The boards are now fastened in place with a cross-wise screw connection. In this step, make sure to screw the slats from the inside, and not to use screws that are too long.

Depending on your taste, you can attach more decorative beams at this point to create a special effect. Cut down and screw these in as needed.

Step 7

Prepare the varnish

Mix the varnish of your desired shade well and dilute as needed with up to 10% water. Pour the varnish into the container of your paint spray device and carry out a spray test with the unit, e.g. on an old cardboard box.





TIP

For thinner beams, we recommend using the spot jet on your paint spray system.



Step 8

Spraying the dustbin enclosure, cover and doors

Spray the dustbin enclosure and the cover pieces from all sides at an even working speed and a distance of approx. 15 cm. Let the varnish dry and repeat the process as needed if the varnish's coverage is not sufficient. Then let dry completely.

Then change your varnish for spraying the doors. To do this, clean your paint spray system thoroughly and pour in the new varnish. Now proceed to spray the doors the same way as the previous parts.



Step 9

Attaching the doors and cover

In the final step, the cover and doors can now be mounted. Mount the three parts of the cover on the back frame with the base structure. Screw hinges in between the cover and the base structure so that the cover can be opened up later. Then felt pads can be attached to the cover to prevent it from banging closed. Now screw the doors and two hinges each onto the front of the base structure.

Ropes can be added at this point so that you don't have to open both covers each time you take out the waste. To do this, simply take a suitable hook and form a loop with a piece of twine. With a small screw hook, you can now fasten the lid of the dustbin to the cover of your dustbin enclosure.

And you're done!

You can customise your dustbin enclosure with different colours and designs! Make your front garden shine again and your dustbins neat and tidy.



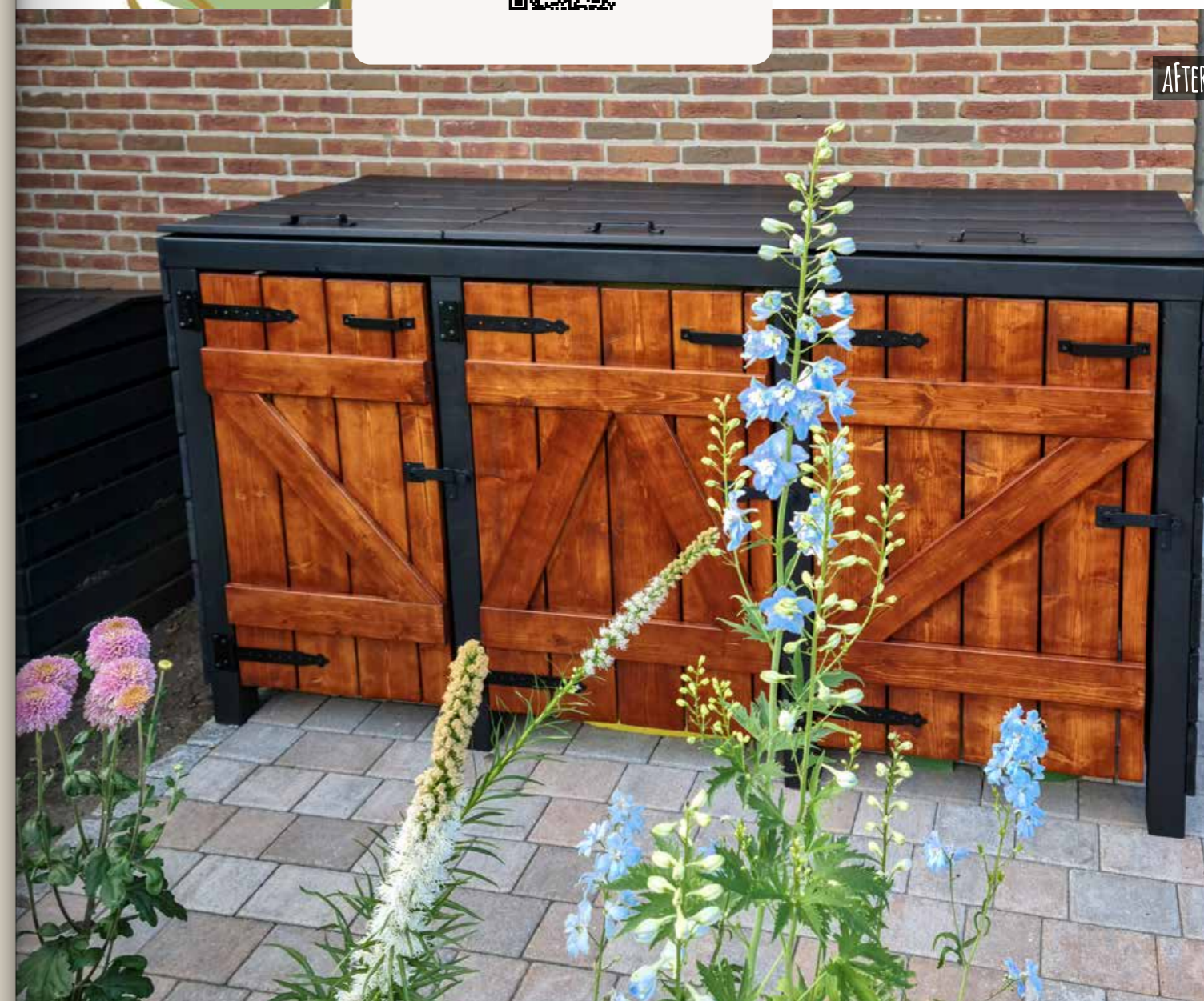
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MODERN ART MEETS HIGH-TECH SPRAYING TECHNOLOGY

INTERVIEW WITH CONTEMPORARY ARTIST TIM BENDEL

He's shaken up the art scene like no other in the last few years – Tim Bengel, a highly gifted young artist and social media star from Esslingen, near Stuttgart.

Golden boy, Sandman, Wunderkind – the press has given Tim quite a few nicknames! On one point, however, everyone is agreed – that he is an exceptional talent of his generation, that the way he has staged and marketed his art has created something completely new. Through his social media channels, Tim Bengel makes his works and the process of how he produced them accessible to a wide range of people, and is celebrated worldwide for his pictures made of sand and gold.

We got the chance to see Tim and his new project, designing "Studio Berkheim", and experience it up close. Armed with our Airless spray system, the ControlPro 350 Extra for larger spaces and a FinishControl 3500 for details, he turned a boring white hall in his atelier into a 360° art area. Walls, ceiling, floor, even the concrete stairs – it was all part of his idea for a creative transition area. In an interview, Tim talks about transforming his studio and his relationship with art, recounting what it was like to be called "Bengel" as a child. He also reveals whether an internationally celebrated artist still does his own painting at home. Start getting excited!

Tim on his project Studio Berkheim

Tim, start by telling us a bit about yourself:

My name is Tim Bengel, I'm an artist from Esslingen near Stuttgart, normally I work with sand and gold, but on my current project I decided to start working with paint to "pimp" my new studio a bit.

What's the purpose of your Studio Berkheim?

The idea behind Studio Berkheim is to allow more people access young, contemporary art. And there's nothing like it in the region yet. I'm trying to bring together the best young artists from around the world and showcase them here.

How are you planning to use the room you transformed with our devices?

I'm going to use it as a transition area between museum and workshops. But it actually looks so good here that I might put in a bar, too. *laughs*

How did you like working with the paint spray system?

It was really fun working with the spray system, especially the device with black (Control Pro 350 Extra). It had the most power, but for the gold and pink details, the other device was brilliant too (FinishControl 3500). I would love to work with it some more. You can let your imagination run wild, think large-scale and I hope this was just the start for more projects.

Why do you choose spray paint and what are the advantages of a paint spray system for you in your creative work?

I use the spray systems for painting my sand and gold work, too, to make the materials adhere well. When designing my studio, it's easy to get super creative in my work. You can test things out during the process and let yourself be surprised by the result. It's just fun to work with quality.

Are you satisfied with the result?

I'm pretty satisfied, it turned out really colourful and I think it has artistic value. *grins* A nice contrast to the clean museum and showroom space. It's been turned into a room with a completely different feel.

Tim on art

What fascinates you most about art?

There is no right or wrong, everyone can decide for themselves what is and isn't art, it's such a huge field and every person can access art at their own level. It's fun to learn about.

What was your most unusual project to date, and why?

One of my favourite projects was my installation in Berlin, because we built an art cemetery in less than 48 hours with 10,000 flowers and 100 marble slabs engraved in gold. With 15 stagehands, we were pushed to our physical limits, but the result was absolutely worth it. I'll always remember that night as a happy memory.

Which project are you still looking forward to doing?

My first sculpture! By next year, you'll be amazed at what I'm going to pull together!



How much does your social media presence contribute to your success?

It plays a huge part in my success, it's made me known to the whole world, but you can't neglect the real experience of art. That's why I'm trying to give people real access to art with Studio Berkheim.

Your work is primarily black and white with gold accents.**Have we converted you to colour now?**

The result is incredible, really lovely and colourful, but I prefer to stay true to minimalism and my black/white/gold colour scheme in my work.

Tim on his personal life**Did you have to endure a lot of teasing as a child because of your surname? (Bengel means in English "rascal")**

I've actually never had any trouble with my surname. It even has the advantage that people can always remember it easily and I don't have to introduce myself twice.

Do you still paint your own walls at home?

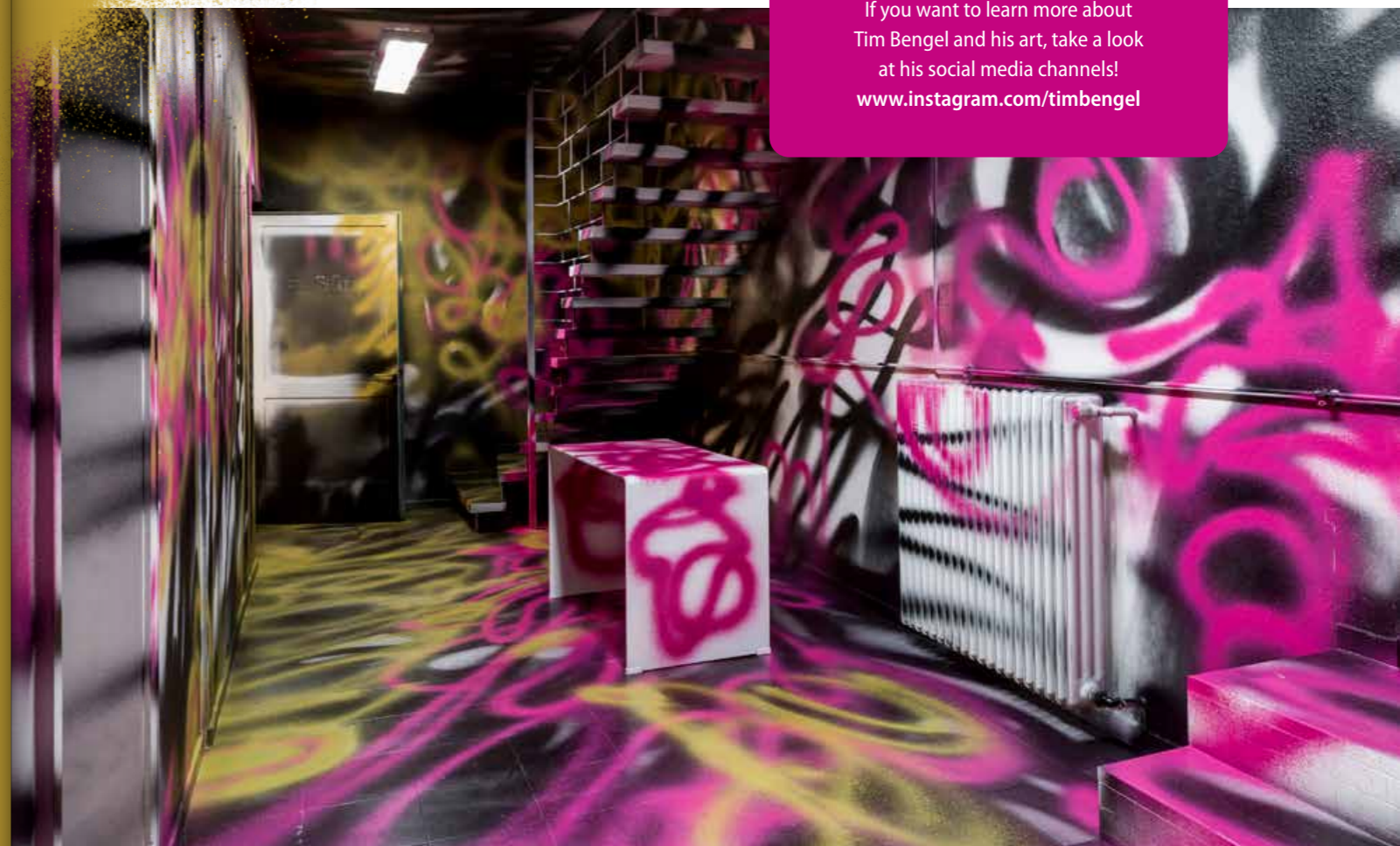
Yeah I actually painted everything myself, even the ceilings, it was fun and it looks great, I think *laughs*

Buying gifts or making them yourself?

I really like it when people make something themselves, little things like the invitations to my opening party, which were each individually created for the specific person. I like that a lot better than buying things.



If you want to learn more about Tim Bengel and his art, take a look at his social media channels!
www.instagram.com/timbengel





METAL IN A ROMANTIC AESTHETIC

Total opposites or perfect match?

Metal has been undergoing a huge revival in the last several years – the material has returned to the repertoire of furniture in indoor areas with the “industrial chic” style. To keep living ambience from becoming too cold and workshop-like, metal is often combined with soft fabric or natural materials to form the perfect mix. For outdoor areas, two style trends for metal elements are especially popular: simple, straight lines – or the exact opposite, ornate, romantic shapes. Do cold material and playful shapes really work together? Of course they do! In the following examples, we show how ornate elements and metal go together perfectly in the garden and how to stage them perfectly with a fresh coat of paint.

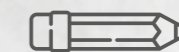


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LIST OF MATERIALS

- Sponge or brush and cleaning bucket, pressure washer (optional)
- Wire brush, sanding paper
- Microfibre cloth
- A piece of old cardboard
- Respirator mask, safety goggles, gloves
- Paint, Wagner paint spray system



Robust and low-maintenance

Objects made of metal are indispensable outdoors, where the material offers a few advantages. It's not as sensitive as wood to weather conditions like rain, frost and snow, and it's extremely robust. This is why garden furnishings made of metal are low-maintenance, long-lasting and resilient companions for garden owners.

Fresh paint for metal objects

Painting ornate garden furnishings made of metal with a brush or roller is tricky, because the new paint has to be worked into the tight corners and embellishments. Using a paint spray system is much easier, faster and above all, applies paint evenly to the entire metal piece.

We show you step-by-step, using garden furniture and a garden gate as examples, how to freshen up these pieces with some paint and make them look like new.



TIP

Using a piece of cardboard as a spray guard when working on delicate objects can help keep your surroundings clean. Just hold an old piece of cardboard and move it around with your motions as your spray or set it behind the object you're spraying.



Step 1

Prepare the surface

Thoroughly clean the garden element. First remove coarse dirt, then clean all spots with a damp sponge or a brush. Depending on how dirty the object is, a pressure washer can make this process go a lot faster. As soon as the object is dry, check whether the old paint has already flaked off in some spots or if rust has set in. Treat these spots with a wire brush and remove any loose paint remnants and rusty areas. Then we recommend gently sanding down and dusting off the entire area again, to give you a perfectly prepared and even surface.

Step 2

Prepare the paint and the paint spray system

White, black or colours, paints come in every possible shade. Muted tones are usually chosen for painting garden objects so as not to steal the show from the blooming garden landscape. But you may decide that your garden could use yet another spot of colour. In the examples shown, the garden objects have been freshly coated with white and black paint. Whatever you choose, stir the paint well, pour it into the paint spray system and dilute it as needed. Now adjust the spray unit and test it to make sure the proper paint volume sprays out and that the objects can be evenly coated. Don't forget to cover the area where you're painting or mask off nearby objects.

Step 3

Paint the metal objects

Painting ornate details and corners can be easy! Switch on the paint sprayer and go. For delicate parts, use the spot jet setting on the spray unit and lower the paint volume to the minimum. It's better to spray multiple thin coats to avoid annoying drips. For tables and chairs, we recommend starting with the legs and the underside, then painting the top last. Now let everything dry well and remove the coverings.

Enjoy the result

What a difference! The freshly coated garden objects look brand new and shine in the sun. Not only do the garden pieces look much better now, but they'll also be protected against various weather effects. This will let you enjoy your metal garden furnishings and your beautiful garden for longer.

TIP

If you apply primer first, the metal will be even better protected and more durable. Rust will have even less of a chance to set in or spread again. There are also multi-purpose materials that combine primer and paint with active rust protection.





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Are you planning to decorate or renovate your home? Make your own garden furniture? Paint bright colours on the wall or make creative decoration ideas? Whatever the item you think deserves a new coat of paint, **do it easily yourself.**

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