Baa baa smart sheep

If your children love animals, they'll love this woolly sheep shelving.
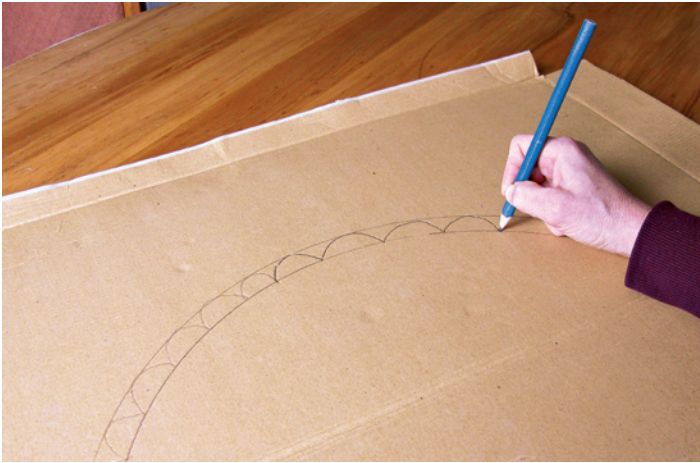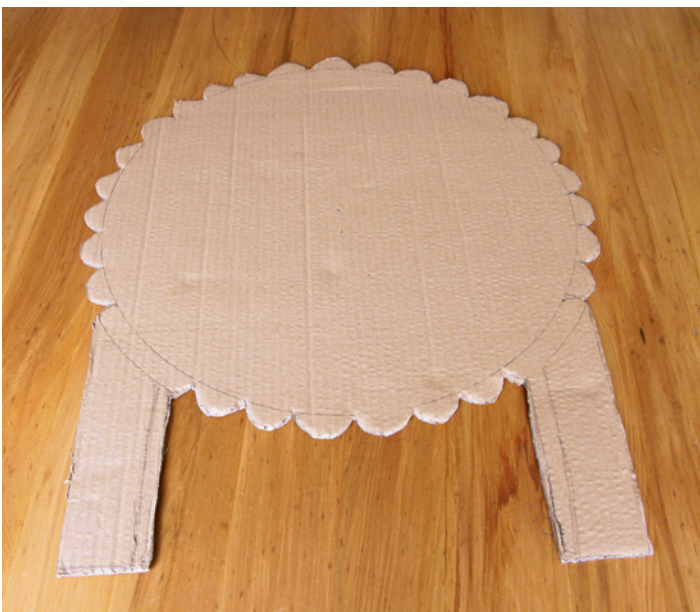
You need:
- Cardboard for tempate
- 6mm x 1200mm x 1200mm sheet of MDF
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Compass (or pencil and string)
- Jigsaw
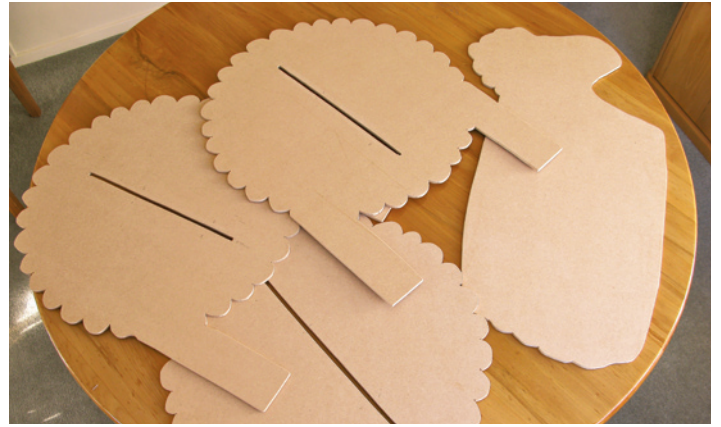- Paint (we used Resene Zylone Sheen VOC Free, in white)

1 On a large piece of cardboard, draw the shape of a sheep body. We drew ours freehand. It measures approximately 700mm long.
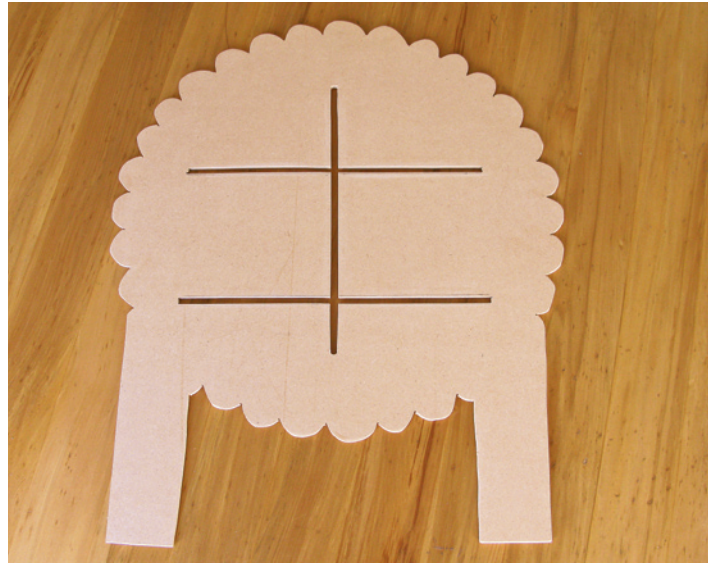

2 Measure the width of your sheep body (ours measures 320mm) and add about 70mm to each end. That takes our measurement to 460mm. Then on another piece of cardboard, draw a circle with a diameter of 460mm. Draw another circle 20mm bigger than that, just outside the first circle. Within the two rings, draw semi-circles the shape of sheep's wool. Cut out the woolly shape.

3 On another piece of cardboard, draw two circles within each other, as above, one 460mm in diameter and the other 500mm in diameter. Draw two legs that measure about 240mm high on the outside. Draw half circles within the rings to look like wool. Cut out template.

4 Place template on MDF and draw the outline. Cut out shapes with a jigsaw. Cut slots in the middle of the three circles that measure the same width as the body.

5 Cut four shelves (ours measured 160mm wide x 400mm long). Cut slots horizontally on the three circles to fit body and two shelves (one shelf either side of body). Cut first slot 250mm up from ground level and another 400mm up from ground level.

6 Put pieces together and, if necessary, glue in place to keep secure. Once glue has dried, paint your sheep. We used Resene Zylone Sheen VOC Free, which, as the name suggests, has no volatile organic compounds.