

DIY project

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Materials

You will need • 25m x 150mm x 50mm H3.2 pine • 6m x 100mm x 25mm pine decking • scrap wood for spacers (about 8mm thick) • piece of cardboard • 24 x 8mm x 100mm galvanised coach bolts with nuts • 24 flat 8mm galvanised washers • 96 x 10g x 100mm galvanised screws • 24 x 40mm galvanised flathead nails • wood stain • saw • drill • 8mm drill bit • protractor • clamp • spanner • ruler • measuring tape • pencil

Cutting • From the 150mm x 50mm H3.2 pine cut • 6 x 1m lengths (seat boards) • 6 x 1.1m lengths (seat boards) • 6 x 1.2m lengths (seat boards) • 12 x 420mm lengths (legs)

The materials
cost us
\$307
mainly from Mitre 10

make a Wraparound TREE SEAT

Take a break in the shade with
this classy outdoor seating



step-by-step

1

Take 6 x 1m boards and cut a 30° angle at one end. Lay cardboard on ground and draw a circle the exact circumference of your tree.



2

Lay the 6 boards around the cardboard "tree" to work out their length. Allow a space of 10-12cm between trunk and seat.



3

Mark a 30° angle on each board, and cut. Our tree diameter is 530mm, our cut boards measure 600mm on the longest edge.



4

Lay three different-sized boards side by side with spacer in between. Extend the 30° line from the first board to the second two.



5

Repeat on the opposite edge, then cut out. Use these boards as a template for cutting the remaining boards.



6

Clamp boards, with spacers, together. Measure the width at the edge. Cut 12 x braces, 20mm shorter than seat width.



7

On each brace, cut off the bottom corners at a 45° angle. These cuts are more for decorative purposes than anything else.



8

Lay down two legs and nail braces to them to stop them from moving. The legs should line up with the cut corner of the brace.