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HOW TO CREATE A CLOTHING STAND

A step-by-step guide to creating a DIY clothing stand, using Richard Burbidge mouldings and basic woodworking tools and techniques.

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This project is so versatile and can be used in any room, from a towel stand in the bathroom, a coat rack in the hallway, to a clothing stand in the bedroom. This project can be completed within an hour, and is perfect as a first DIY project.

STEP 1. Choose your Richard Burbidge moulding

Firstly you'll need to decide the style you're going for – we recommend our dowel mouldings for this project. Richard Burbidge mouldings are of the highest quality and can totally transform the look and character of a whole room. If you are going for a contemporary style we recommend painting, our pine dowel works best with paint. To achieve a natural Scandinavian look, use our light hardwood dowel and opt for staining to achieve a professional finish.
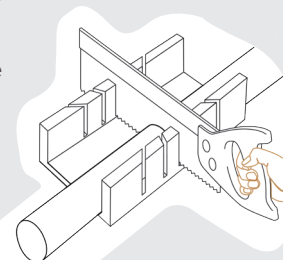
Contemporary DOW6008 35 x 35 x 2400mm

Natural DOW2010 35 x 35 x 2400mm

STEP 2. Cut the dowels to length

Next, we must decide on the height of the clothing stand, we recommend cutting the dowels to 1500mm which is just under 6 foot, this would be the ideal height for most homes. If the clothing stand is for a children's room you may want to cut the dowel slightly smaller, 1100mm would be ideal for most children. You can make your own adjustments to the height if necessary. Using a tape measure, mark your chosen measurement onto the dowels. Using a panel saw carefully cut the dowel at a 90 degree angle along the line you have drawn. Repeat this process to the four dowels, then lightly sand the ends until smooth.

STEP 3. Add your own creative flair

This project can be customised to work with any décor, in any room. There are many different ways you can add your own creative flare to this project. You can paint each dowel a different colour, paint dots or stripes onto the dowels, or even draw your own unique design to really make the clothing stand your own. There's an endless list of ways that you could choose to add your own creative flair, but remember to sand first and always follow the paint manufacturer's instructions which may require you to prime before painting.

STEP 4. Tie the dowels together

Next, you will need to tie the dowels together. Like painting, there are dozens of different materials you can choose to use, with rope being the most sturdy and secure. You can use any material as long as it is strong enough to hold the dowels together, this could be some leather or ribbon that matches your décor.
Once you have decided on the material, gather the dowels together, tightly wrap the rope around the dowels approximately 45cm from the top, and tie them in a secure double knot. Stand the dowels up and evenly separate.

STEP 5. Place your stand in its new home

The last step is to decide where you are going to place your new clothing stand. This project is so versatile and would work well in any room, from a towel stand in the bathroom, a coat rack in the hallway, to a clothing stand in the bedroom, this project is perfect for all homes. The best part about this project is that the stand can also be folded down and stored away ready to bring out to impress your guests and hold their coats.