

# kids CRAFT DESK

BUILD A MULTIFUNCTIONAL CRAFT DESK WITH AN INTEGRATED CHALKBOARD

**A** kid's room is their castle and a special place to play, imagine and learn. Encourage their creativity with this cool craft desk with an integrated chalkboard that folds down to reveal space for all their supplies. Here's what you need to make it – and your little one's day.

## GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- Router
- Dressed pine 140 x 19mm, 89 x 19mm and 64 x 19mm
- Drop saw OR circ saw and guide
- Selleys Aquadhere Interior (for gluing)
- 15mm plywood 2400 x 1200mm
- Port 42 x 11mm colonial moulding
- 20mm nails
- Sanding machine OR block
- Dulux 1 Step Prep
- Dulux Duramax Gogo Blue gloss and Vivid White™ gloss
- MDF 6mm 1830 x 915mm
- Dulux Design Coloured Chalkboard Effect in Teal Trip, Annular, Colossus and Wiggle
- Drill
- Piano hinge
- Desk stays
- Screws
- Double-sided velcro
- Prestige white magnets
- Masonry fixings
- Plugs



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3

STEPS





STEP 4



STEP 7



STEP 10

## MULTIFUNCTIONAL CRAFT DESK

**STEP 1** Start by using the router to rebate a channel at the back of the timber to allow the back panel to sit flush to the sides; the channel will be 15mm wide and 12mm deep.

**STEP 2** Using the drop saw (or circ saw and guide) cut the rebated timber to length at 45-degree angles to allow you to make a box with no end grain showing.

**STEP 3** Glue and nail the box together.

**STEP 4** Cut a front strip and dividers, nail these into the box and space the dividers evenly, glue and nail them in position.

**STEP 5** Cut a back and front panel from the plywood. The back one will fit inside the rebated back, the front will sit flush with the front of the box.

**STEP 6** Cut decorative trim to form a picture frame on the front panel. The frame will be made 10mm bigger than the front panel to overhang the front panel.

**STEP 7** Fix the decorative trim with glue and 20mm nails.

**STEP 8** Patch any nail holes, allow to dry and then sand off.

**STEP 9** Undercoat everything with Dulux 1 Step Prep - allow to dry.

**STEP 10** Apply the finished coating with Dulux Duramax Gogo Blue gloss on inside back and Vivid White™ gloss on all other surfaces.

## INTEGRATED CHALKBOARDS

**STEP 11** Cut the chalkboards from 6mm MDF.

**STEP 12** Drill a 28mm semicircle in one end of the chalkboards, to create a finger hole to allow you to pull the boards off easily.

**STEP 13** Undercoat with Dulux 1 Step Prep - allow to dry.

**STEP 14** Lightly sand the undercoat.

**STEP 15** Paint the chalkboards using Dulux Design Coloured Chalkboard Effect in your chosen colour.

## TO FINISH

**STEP 16** Pre-drill and fit the piano hinge.

**STEP 17** Pre-drill and fit the desk stays.

**STEP 18** Stick velcro to back of chalkboards and affix to outer side of the front panel.

## PREPARATION FOR CHALKBOARDS



STEP 13



STEP 15



STEP 17



STEP 18

