

# Beautification Ideas

- 1) Increase the quality, attractiveness and visibility of the hotspot. E.g. decorating (fairy lights – how will you power electricity?), gardening (cutting back overgrowth – who will continue maintenance?), art (murals – how can you impact locals?).
- 2) Install beautiful obstructions to block out access to people dumping their rubbish. E.g. sculpture blocking access to vehicles dumping rubbish.
- 3) Add infrastructure to give the space a new purpose. E.g. turn an abandoned street corner into an interactive play area.

## DECORATE /REPURPOSE BINS



Giving another use to a bin is a powerful way to get a message across.

Bear in mind:

People stealing plant pots

Waterproof materials

Why not add some humorous quotes:

- Feed the can, man.
- I hate that empty feeling inside (seen on a trash receptacle)
- Fill me up buttercup (seen on another trash receptacle)



Source: <https://cafodeastanglia.wordpress.com/2013/03/29/its-not-a-load-of-rubbish/>

Source: <https://forgottenmobile.wordpress.com/tag/recycling-2/>

## USE OLD BINS TO GROW VEG



Source: <http://www.thesimplethings.com/blog/use-old-bins-to-grow-veg>

### Supplies

- An old wheelie bin

This can be used to grow (or start off growing) almost anything, from root vegetables such as carrots, parsnips or potatoes to leafy leeks.

### Instructions

- 1/ Drill four large holes in the bottom of the bin for drainage.
- 2/ Build up a base with gravel and corks, depending on what vegetables you are planting and the depth of soil required.
- 3/ Fill with compost to just over halfway.
- 4/ Make holes in soil for seeds with a dibber: leeks need about 15cm between them; spuds approximately 30cm.
- 5/ Water and feed regularly. A high- nitrogen fertiliser will help, while some gardeners swear by running a perforated pipe down the middle of the bin to allow even watering.

## FLOWER POT DOCK



Source: <https://www.ikeahackers.net/2013/05/lillangen-flower-pot-bike-rack.html>

## Instructions

### Step One: Build a flower pot

Why not transform an old bed frame into a huge flower pot? Find wooden scraps in your neighbourhood to build your planter.

Remember to build something “unmovable” - you don't want your bicycle to be stolen! If not you can buy a relatively cheap wooden flower bed.

### Step Two: Attach some brackets

Use a set of nuts and bolts to attach the brackets to the flowerpot. You can also add some washers. When installing the brackets make sure to leave enough room (a couple of inches) in between the brackets so you can squeeze in the wheel of your bike.

#### ----- Supplies

- a flower bed

[https://www.waitrosegarden.com/product/\\_/golden-larch-deep-planter/classid.2000024855/](https://www.waitrosegarden.com/product/_/golden-larch-deep-planter/classid.2000024855/)  
£59.99

L100cm x W38cm x H33cm  
12kg

- Brackets

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Brackets-Triangle-Shelving-Mounted-Supporters/dp/B07S4FBPQZ/ref=sr\\_1\\_29?adgrpid=49933668181&qclid=Cj0KCQiAsvTxBRDkARIsAH4W\\_j99inS1GiM-kA\\_EGGSsVxRHLPbX1yZEDDVGNgHcsZGpw4Ke9RN4HE8aAga5EALw\\_wcB&hvadid=259091578996&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=9045896&hvnetw=q&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=3207584617646211868&hvtargid=aud-858007574814%3Akwd-295530774867&hydadcr=28148\\_1752695&keywords=wall+brackets&qid=1581079996&sr=8-29](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Brackets-Triangle-Shelving-Mounted-Supporters/dp/B07S4FBPQZ/ref=sr_1_29?adgrpid=49933668181&qclid=Cj0KCQiAsvTxBRDkARIsAH4W_j99inS1GiM-kA_EGGSsVxRHLPbX1yZEDDVGNgHcsZGpw4Ke9RN4HE8aAga5EALw_wcB&hvadid=259091578996&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=9045896&hvnetw=q&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=3207584617646211868&hvtargid=aud-858007574814%3Akwd-295530774867&hydadcr=28148_1752695&keywords=wall+brackets&qid=1581079996&sr=8-29)

£12.99

160mm\*250mm  
Set of 4

- Nuts and bolts

[https://www.diy.com/departments/m8-hex-bolt-nut-l-120mm-pack-of-10/3663602739456\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/m8-hex-bolt-nut-l-120mm-pack-of-10/3663602739456_BQ.prd)

£5.90

(L) 120mm  
Pack of 10

Total cost £78.88

Source: <https://www.ikeahackers.net/2013/05/lillangen-flower-pot-bike-rack.html>

Remember cyclists attach their bikes by the frame, not the wheel. It is important to keep this in mind in terms of space.

## GIANT OUTDOOR CHALKBOARD



Source: <https://www.heytherehome.com/outdoor-chalkboard/>

### Instructions

#### Step One: Backer board

Measure your fence from one post to the next. Cut the backer boards accordingly drawing straight lines and using a utility knife.

(Optional) Caulk the seam with exterior or waterproof caulk and let dry before painting. Apply 2 generous coats of chalkboard paint with a roller, allowing it to dry between coats.

#### Step Two: Back frame

Cut the long frame boards into 3 strips of 1.2m x 100mm. You should now have 6 strips. Cut two of those strips in half. You now have 4 long strips and 4 short strips.

Put a bead of liquid nails on the frame board using a caulk gun.

Now, with the help of your neighbour, lift each piece of backer board onto the frame (with the side that you will use as the chalkboard facing up.) Apply pressure.

Reinforce the back frame that you just built with screws about every 18 inches using a power drill.

#### Step Three: Front frame

Dry fit the frame boards in the same way you did for the back frame.

Paint the frame pieces in the colour of your choice with outdoor paint. Allow everything to dry.

Place the frame on the blackboard and reinforce with screws.

#### Step Four: Attach to fence

Predrill holes in the frame of the chalkboard.

Secure the chalkboard to the fence posts using the lag bolts.

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## Supplies

- (2) HardieBacker Backerboard – this will be the chalkboard  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/hardiebacker-backerboard-l-1200mm-w-800mm-t-12mm/136777\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/hardiebacker-backerboard-l-1200mm-w-800mm-t-12mm/136777_BQ.prd)  
£15.68  
(L)1200mm (W)800mm (T)12mm
- (4) Square edge Clear pine Furniture board – for the frames  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/square-edge-clear-pine-furniture-board-l-1-2m-w-300mm-t-18mm/3663602877530\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/square-edge-clear-pine-furniture-board-l-1-2m-w-300mm-t-18mm/3663602877530_BQ.prd)  
£67.08  
(L)1.2m (W)300mm (T)18mm
- (4) Coach screw – to attach the finished product to the fence  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/coach-screw-l-80mm-pack-of-10/3663602749202\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/coach-screw-l-80mm-pack-of-10/3663602749202_BQ.prd)  
£21.88  
(L) 80mm.
- (2) Rust-Oleum Black Matt Chalkboard paint  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/rust-oleum-black-matt-chalkboard-paint-750-ml/655756\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/rust-oleum-black-matt-chalkboard-paint-750-ml/655756_BQ.prd)  
£26  
750 ml
- (2) Garden paint 0.75L – colour of your choice for the frame  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/ronseal-garden-pink-jasmine-matt-garden-paint-0-75l/935119\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/ronseal-garden-pink-jasmine-matt-garden-paint-0-75l/935119_BQ.prd)  
£24
- UniBond No more nails Grab adhesive 0.28L  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/unibond-no-more-nails-grab-adhesive-0-28l/1049661\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/unibond-no-more-nails-grab-adhesive-0-28l/1049661_BQ.prd)  
£4.48
- Diall Heavy duty Aluminium Cartridge gun Piece  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/diall-heavy-duty-aluminium-cartridge-gun-piece/1642127\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/diall-heavy-duty-aluminium-cartridge-gun-piece/1642127_BQ.prd)  
£6.95
- Goldscrew Yellow zinc-plated Carbon Steel Woodscrews (Dia)6mm (L)150mm, Pack of 50  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/goldscrew-yellow-zinc-plated-carbon-steel-woodscrews-dia-6mm-l-150mm-pack-of-50/28642\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/goldscrew-yellow-zinc-plated-carbon-steel-woodscrews-dia-6mm-l-150mm-pack-of-50/28642_BQ.prd)  
£5.39

Total cost £171.46

Source: <https://www.heytherehome.com/outdoor-chalkboard/>

## INTERACTIVE SCULPTURES



Source: <https://brightvibes.com/1244/en/all-it-took-to-clean-up-this-beach-was-a-fish-sculpture-named-goby?fbclid=IwAR3ePQZhtMIC9TinZSfLLTfA31bOmbvQ-GdrPDbhwlWyBjlIAQtvYyrrwQ>

### Supplies

- Blooma Steel Wire mesh fencing  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/blooma-steel-wire-mesh-fencing-l-25m-w-1m/3663602728474\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/blooma-steel-wire-mesh-fencing-l-25m-w-1m/3663602728474_BQ.prd)  
£46  
(L)25m (W)1m
- Blooma Nylon Fixing link  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/blooma-nylon-fixing-link-6mm-pack-of-100/3663602732587\\_BQ.prd?rrec=true](https://www.diy.com/departments/blooma-nylon-fixing-link-6mm-pack-of-100/3663602732587_BQ.prd?rrec=true)  
£4
- Diall Stainless steel Steel wire  
[https://www.diy.com/departments/diall-stainless-steel-steel-wire-0-8mm-x-50m/1521364\\_BQ.prd](https://www.diy.com/departments/diall-stainless-steel-steel-wire-0-8mm-x-50m/1521364_BQ.prd)  
£4.97

## SOCIAL SOFAS



Source: <https://www.manmadediy.com/outdoor-sofa>

An outdoor sofa to incite locals to sit down, have a chat, relax and enjoy their local area.

### Instructions

Step One: Building the seat foundation

Made from 2 x 4 x 8 pressure-treated lumber. Connect all the outside pieces with wood glue and 2 deck screws. Screw in the supports for the slats that will hold the cushions in place.

Step Two: Assembling the sides of the couch

Use the 4 x 4 pressure-treated lumber. Use half lap joints for additional strength. Use a circular saw and chisel to make the joints. Attach pieces using wood glue and deck screws.

Step Three: Attach seat foundation to sides

Step Four: Assemble the back of the sofa

Step Five: Attach a face plate to the front of the seat

### Supplies

- 4 x 4 x 8 Pressure-treated cedar-tone lumber (x3)
- 2 x 4 x 8 Pressure-treated cedar-tone lumber (x4)
- 1 x 6 x 8 Pressure-treated cedar-tone lumber (x6)
- Wooden dowel as screw hole plugs
- Drill and bits
- Impact driver
- Miter saw
- Table saw or circular saw
- Chisel Clamps
- Wood glue
- Deck screws
- Orbital Sander
- Pocket hole jig
- Pocket hold screws