

How to use ancient crafts and modern techniques

Victorian style washstand

This is a nice little washstand with a Victorian feel about it.

Cut out the pieces as detailed below.

This washstand is in two parts.

The sink. The stand.

First the sink.

You can make this in wood and paint it with acrylic paint to mimic marble or stone.

The base. 7.5 cm x 3cm of 2mm thick wood

The sides. Use a 5mm thick strip of wood and cut into lengths as follows: 2 x 2 cm long 2 c 7.5 cm long.

Glue the sides, front and back, onto the base and leave to dry.

Assemble the body of the washstand.

1. Sand down the top edges of the top and base at a 25% angle.
2. Glue the body to the base making sure the backs of both are lined up.
3. Glue the top onto the body.
4. Glue the feet onto the base.
5. Cut the detailing strips (drawer fronts) and glue into position.
6. When the glue is dry, paint all.
7. Go back to the basin and sand and paint. A spray can coat of white is good.
8. Drill two holes in the back of the basin for taps. Drill one hole in the middle for a plug hole.
9. Back to the washstand, glue the sink onto the top of the body.
10. When this is dry, glue the frame (prepainted) around three sides of the sink.
11. Finishing off. Give everything a good rub with some brown paper. This will impart a nice soft shine. Fix taps and knobs into place and you are done.

Detailing:

Cut 2 strips of thin bass wood 10 or 11mm wide and 7cm long for two bottom drawer fronts.

Take a strip of thin bass wood 5mm wide and cut into three segments 2.3cm long for the three top drawers.

You will need 7 little knobs.

Materials required: tacky or quick set wood glue.

Bass wood in strips and a solid piece.

(Bass wood can be cut easily with a craft knife or fine toothed saw and the strips can be cut with scissors.)

Wood stain or acrylic paint.

Small drill bits.



3 sided frame on top

3mm wood 12 mm high x 7.5 cm long. Cut 1

3mm wood 12mm high x 3 cm long. Cut 2.



Body of washstand

Solid block of wood

8.5cm x 3cm by 5 cm tall

Base and top

Use 3mm wood

9.5 cm x 3.5 cm cut 2.



4 X feet 1cm x 5mm