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What you need

How to make a stylish shelf ladder

- Sandpaper
- Paintbrush
- Large piece of cardboard
- A medium- to small-sized ladder, roughly 1.5 metres in height
- 1 or 2 litres of self-priming paint in any colour
- Wooden planks (number dependant on your design)





Prep the ladder. Scrape off any existing paint and sand down any rough edges.



Decorate the caddy. This is the fun part! Fill up the caddy with the items you want to be easily accessible - it makes for the perfect mantle for cosmetics and bedside books.





Paint the boards for the shelf (and the ladder, if necessary). Pour paint into a paint tray or onto a large piece of cardboard. Paint the entire ladder and boards and allow an hour for drying. After the first coat is dry, paint a second coat and allow another hour or more for drying.



Putting in a small nail at the top of the ladder is useful for holding a night gown or towel.





Add the boards. Slide the boards onto the ladder to make a shelf. The shelf can be used for lamps, plants or anything to brighten up your bedroom!