

HANDY WOMAN

Concrete? Check! Timber? Check! You're ready to make a **cool industrial side table**. Here's how...



* project cost = \$54.20


PROJECT Concrete side table

Step 1 Measure 60cm along the length of your furniture legs – starting from the bottom – and mark with pencil. Saw off the tops of each leg and discard them.

Step 2 In your plastic bucket, combine 8 parts cement and 1.5 parts water (we used a soup tin for measuring). Mix with a spatula until it forms a smooth consistency. Make sure the mix sits at least 10cm deep. This will form your concrete table top.

Step 3 Place the top end of one leg in the cement mix, wiggling it down until it is submerged by 5cm, then lean it on the inside edge of the bucket for support. Repeat the step with the other two legs spacing all legs evenly apart (like a tripod). Leave to set for at least 24 hours.

Step 4 Give the bucket a squeeze to loosen the hardened cement. Grip the part of the legs closest to the cement, then slowly and carefully remove the table from the bucket.

Step 5 For a "sock" effect on the legs, measure 8cm from the bottom of each leg and mark with pencil. Carefully dip each leg into your paint pot up to the mark, then place the table upright on cardboard to dry. Job done! You now have a one-of-a-kind side table. 

PROJECT We used 3 x Leggz pine 230mm Round Tapered Detail **furniture legs**, \$7 each, Australian "Builders" **sand & cement mix**, \$8.85 for 10kg bag, and Maxipail 20L plastic **bucket**, \$9.90, Bunnings. Dulux Design Metallic **paint** in Moving Images, \$14.45 for 250ml sample pot, Dulux. **THE REST** Kado "Lure" 1755 freestanding oval **bath** in Black, \$2274, Reece. Espresso 1 **pendant light** in Dark Coffee/Gold, \$99.95, Beacon Lighting. **ON BATH** Turkish **towel** in Stone, \$59 for large, Greenwood's Home. **ON SIDE TABLE** Aesop "Geranium Leaf" 500ml **body balm**, \$100, Aesop "Geranium Leaf" 500ml **body cleanser**, \$45, and small **sea sponge**, \$11, Mark Tuckey Home. **ON WALL** Azulejos "9" **wallpaper**, \$158 for 1m x 1.27m, Emily Ziz Style Studio. For stockists, see page 184.



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You will need

- 3 x tapered timber furniture legs
- Tape measure & pencil
- Handsaw
- 20L round plastic bucket
- Sand & cement mix (10kg bag)
- Spatula & paint
- Scrap cardboard