## Give it a go with Dick & Angel



# How to Build a Mobile Storage Unit with Angel

First things first, here's a shopping list of everything you need to build your mobile storage unit.

## Materials:

- Clever Cube 2x2, Grey Oak
- 2.5L Craig & Rose Artisan Pearl Effect Paint in Mocha Pearl
- Wallpaper of your choice
- 4 Castors

## Tools:

- 4-inch Paint Mini Roller Set
- Small Paintbrush
- PVA glue
- Scissors
- Carpenter's pencil
- <u>Utility knife</u>
- <u>Electric drill</u>
- <u>Screws</u>
- <u>Tape measure</u>

# Safety first

Before you begin, we recommend you read the <u>DIY Safety Tips guide</u> from Homebase, along with your power and hand tool manuals to keep yourself safe while building your wheeled storage unit.

If you're a bit of a novice, Dick has put together some helpful <u>DIY Tricks you can see here</u>. But always reach out to a certified expert if you're not sure about anything.



## Prepare the groundwork

Take your shelving unit – this could be wooden, laminate, or just a standard shelving cube – and as Dick would say, "rough it up a little".

All this means is gently sand it down with fine grain sandpaper before you start painting. Don't forget to also wipe it down and remove any dirt from it.



### Get colourful

Now for the fun bit.

Give your tub of paint a good shake before opening it and give it a good stir – then pour it into your roller tray.

I've gone for a luminous, slightly transparent paint to really bring out the wood grain.

To achieve a nice clean finish, place your unit on top of something to help raise it off your workbench or table, so your paint roller can just glide off the ends and you won't miss a spot.

Top tip: If you have a wooden storage unit like mine, make sure you follow the grain as you go.



#### Add some wallpaper

Wallpaper is perfect for adding a dramatic lining to the shelves.

Roughly measure and cut a piece of wallpaper for each shelf and then position it in place, rubbing your hands along the edge to make a neat line. Then, remove the paper and carefully cut along each fold with scissors for a perfect fit.

Next, using a paintbrush, apply your PVA glue (I dilute mine with 50% water) and stick your wallpaper in place. Repeat this step for each of your shelves.

Top tip: Run your nails along the edges of your shelves to secure it, then use a knife to cut along the edge of the paper for the perfect finish.

#### Screw in the castors

Now it's time to add some wheels, so you can easily hide your work storage unit at the end of the day.



Flip your unit upside down and measure out where your castors will go – they will need to be equally spaced from the edges. Use your pencil to make your markings.

Using your drill and matching drill bit, screw each of the castors into place.

Top tip: An extra pair of hands can be helpful at this stage to hold everything in place.



# The finishing touches

Now for the final stage: decorating and organising.

I added some wire racks, a desk tidy, and storage boxes so there's a place for everything – and all my clutter can be put out of sight (and mind) at the end of the day.

Lastly, wheel your unit in place and admire your handiwork, just in time to put your feet up after a hard day's work.