

Handy Display Ladder

Supplies:

- Scrap wood from picket fence
- Ruler or tape measure
- 1 1/4" wood screws or nails
- Sandpaper
- Handsaw or jigsaw
- Drill or hammer

Instructions:

1. Dismantle an old picket fence and, if possible, save the nails.
2. Cut the pickets down for the sides and rungs of the ladder: For each 8' side, cut two 4' lengths; for the rungs, cut six or seven 16" lengths. *Note: You may wish to cut slightly graduated lengths for the rungs so the ladder can be wider at the bottom and more narrow toward the top, like a standard ladder.*
3. On the floor, lay out the cut pickets to form your ladder design.
4. To create the 8' sides, place two 4' picket lengths end to end and position a rung under the seam. Drive 1 1/4" wood screws or nails through each 4' side piece into the rung below.
5. Flip the ladder over and, working from the bottom to the top, nail (or screw) the rest of the rungs to the side pieces. Leave approximately 10" between each rung.
6. If necessary, sand the wood in any rough areas.



HELPFUL HINTS:

- Determine how high your ladder should be before cutting the pickets. It is easier to shorten a tall ladder than to add length to a short ladder.
- If you are using newer pickets and want a timeworn look, apply a pickling wash or crackle medium to the wood.
- Screw or bracket the ladder to the wall to avoid toppling over. *Note: This ladder is for display purposes only; do not allow children to play on or around it.*