

LOVIN' YOUR LOUVRES!

Shutters aren't just for windows - how about you turn them into a fab coat rack?

Old timber window shutters and louvre doors often end up put out for kerbside collection, but they're worth rescuing as they make amazing decorating tools. They're mostly used vertically - propped against a wall or mounted - with knick-knacks or pot plants hung from the slats. But if you turn one on its side you can make it into a vintage-style coat rack, with just paint and a few hooks, for your entry or any hallway you like. How easy is that!



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Keep your eyes open for quirky companions, like this old oar, when hunting for shutters.

EASY STEPS TO YOUR COAT RACK



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

HOW TO MOUNT YOUR COAT RACK

Mark screw holes on the wall at each end and centre of the top of the rack. In plaster walls, screw into wall studs. In masonry walls, drill holes with a masonry bit, hammer in plastic wall plugs and insert screws. Put keyhole plates on the rack and slide them over the screws.



Gather your supplies

- Timber shutter or louvre door
- Coat hooks

You'll also need

Primer; paint; paintbrush; sandpaper; tape measure; drill; timber screws; wall fasteners; keyhole plates

Here's how

STEP 1 Clean the shutter or louvre door of any dirt, dust or grease. Give unfinished timber a light sand, then apply primer and paint, drying after each coat. **STEP 2** Sand paint to expose timber to create a distressed effect, concentrating on raised

areas such as slats and edges.

STEP 3 Use a tape measure to mark the position of the coat hooks on one edge of the shutter or door, spacing them equally.

STEP 4 Secure the coat hooks at the marked positions using a drill and timber screws. Wall-mount the coat rack using fasteners for your wall type, rated to take the weight of your coat rack and any accessories. ■

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