

## The Cold Frame of Shame

Well, I managed to get through my very first workshop, but not without it being an unqualified disaster!

First off I had to be completely “Eco” about the whole thing and make the cold frame out of packing containers.

Big mistake number one. This was actually great for construction and eco awareness, but I hadn’t deconstructed the pallets first so it was very bad for time management.

Next I hadn’t provided a clear plan of what to do. No handout, no plan to follow, nothing. I just stood at the front of the class and tried to mime making a cold frame.

I thought the miming went down well actually, and bought me some time however people started asking me questions. “Is it a book or a movie?” “Is the second word accident?” and so on. I found I had to re mime my instructions every time I wanted to make a point or every time I had to answer a question. Pretty soon I was totally ‘in roll’. All I needed was a glass of wine and a plate of Cheezles and it would have been the perfect Saturday night in, except it was morning ...and I was doing a cold frame workshop . Oops ...

The next big thing to remember when you are running a workshop is that you usually present these things in one room. Not something I’d considered important until it was time to pull the pallets apart and cut up all the timber ..... outside in the rain.

Yes everyone was asked to leave the room and come outside. “ I’m sure this torrential rain is just a passing shower” I enthused.  
It turns out I was talking to myself.

At this point, with a dozen or so punters standing in a semi circle around me, I realised I would never, ever finish this cold frame.

With an hour and a half to go I felt defeated, but I soldiered on as best I could.

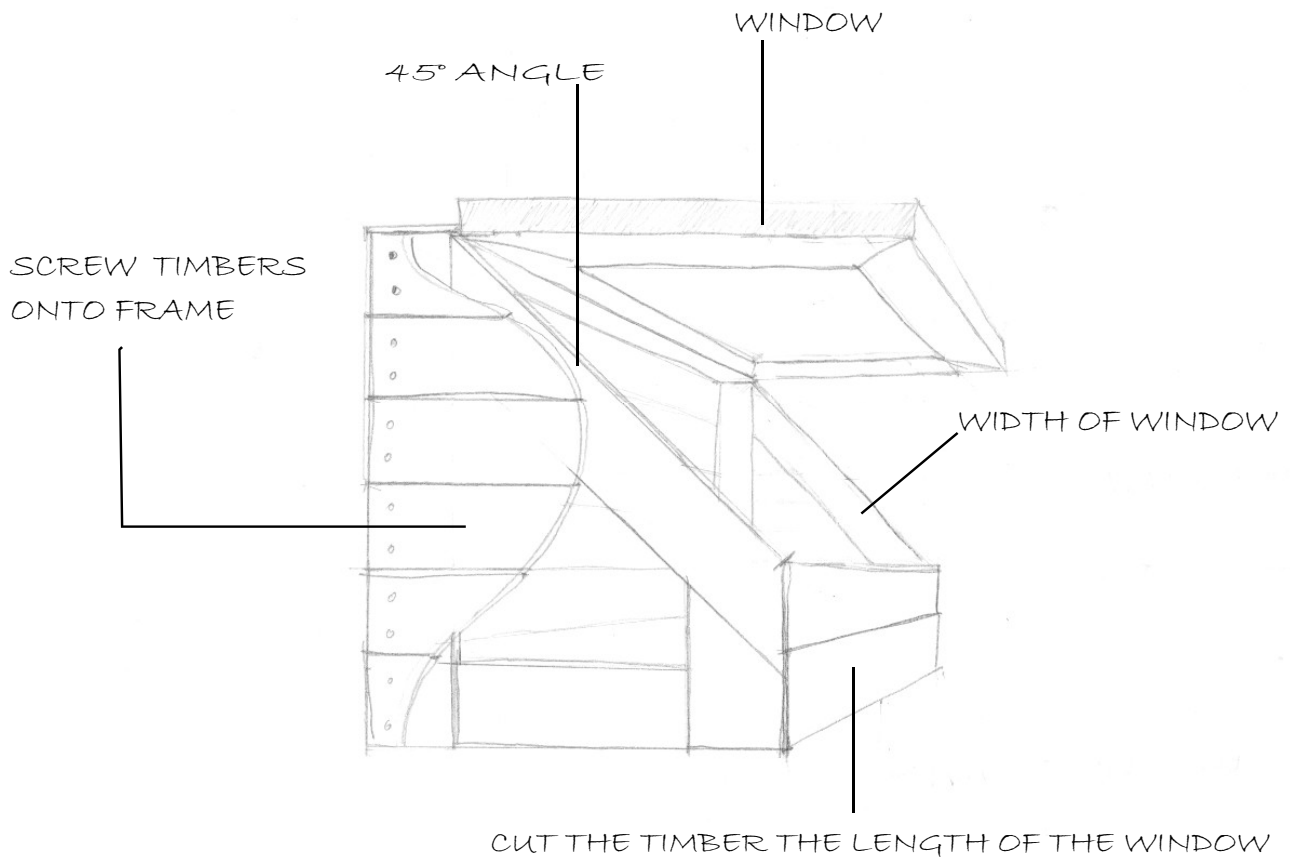
What amazes me now is how supportive and enthusiastic this group actually was. Yes there was a fair amount of teasing and some back room sniggering but all in all I got off rather lightly.

So if you attended the said workshop , thank you for your support and if you didn’t then make a point of getting along to my next one. You won’t be disappointed.  
I promise



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## NOTES

- 1** START WITH SIDE PANELS . CUT OUT FRAMING AND AND SCREW PANEL TIMBERS OVER THE TOP OF FRAMING . THERE IS NO NEED TO SCREW FRAME TOGETHER.
- 2** PROP UP SIDE PANELS AND SCREW FRONT AND BACK TIMBERS TO THE SIDE PANELS .
- 3** SCREW ON TOP PLATE AND ATTACK HINGES TO WINDOWS. ATTACH WINDOW TO THE TOP PLATE.