



Moonlight Arch Makeover



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A section of the garden needed an arch to provide both architectural interest, beauty and support to climbers. The Moonlight Arch from Zest 4 Leisure is a lovely design but I wanted to paint it a colour for attractive protection. The timber is pressure-treated and they advise to allow it to weather before treating but I sped up the process by scrubbing the timber with soapy water to remove any treatment residues and dirt, then left to dry in the sun.



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Once dry I painted on two coats of Royal Exterior in Meadow Green. I didn't use any knotting agent or primer so it may be that resinous knots might bleed out but if they look unsightly I can just touch up areas if need be.



LEFT:

When the Royal coating was dry we constructed the arch in a more spacious part of the garden where it looked very pretty against the pink showers of the Montana Clematis.



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Holes were dug in the ground for the posts to be dropped into and quick-setting Postcrete used to secure the arch posts in place. Once it had set some of the sections of turf that were removed when the holes were dug was placed on top to make the posts look like they were coming out of the lawn.

The Meadow Green colour works wonderfully with the planting scheme and will extend the life of this beautiful garden arch.