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A snapshot of today's popular colour and design trends.



Cream, beige and earthy browns have taken firm hold as the neutrals of choice for clients chasing a liveable luxury look. Layering a variety of tones is key to creating contrast and depth within these designs, as is including a mix of materials and textures – think stained timber, vegetable-tanned leather, woven textiles, matte, shiny, metallic, smooth and coarse items all combined into a single space but within a limited palette of Resene Thorndon Cream, Resene Colorwood Bark, Resene Anglaise and Resene Leather. For added interest, broaden your colour palette with highlights in a crisp white like Resene Alabaster and a few restrained details painted in Resene Pioneer Red for a dash of one of today's hottest on-trend accent colours.

Walls painted in Resene Thorndon Cream, floor finished in Resene Colorwood Bark and vases in Resene Alabaster and Resene Pioneer Red. Buffet and coffee table from Mocka, sofa, rug and artwork from Danske Møbler, pendant lamp from Lighting Direct, side table, throw, glassware, candles and vases from A&C Homestore, books from Father Rabbit and Tessuti. Projects by Amber Armitage, images by Wendy Fenwick.



Rich, heady reds like Resene Red Oxide and Resene Redwood are intoxicating colour choices for spaces like lounges, restaurants, hotels and theatres. Red has the ability to create a strikingly dramatic ambiance that is made even moodier and more dynamic when particular attention is paid to lighting. Often, a mix of task and diffused accent fixtures is the ideal route to take, as too much intense direct or ambient lighting can overamplify strong reds.

Left wall and hallway painted in Resene Red Oxide, right wall (with doorway) and ceiling in Resene Redwood and floor stained in Resene Colorwood Bark. Sofa, lamp and coffee table from Matisse, rug and plant pot from Ligne Roset, stool from Soren Liv, artwork by Liam Gerrard from Sanderson Gallery, bowl from ECC, pear sculpture, carafe and glassware from Tessuti.

Softened yellows, peaches, browns and blues have emerged as more liveable alternatives to today's popular array of bold brights without sacrificing the inherent positivity that more vibrant variations carry. When balanced with a pale neutral like Resene Villa White, these cheerful colours can be interchangeably mixed and matched with one another throughout different areas of a single project, such as a commercial office space, for a cohesive look that's brimming with fresh and enticing energy.

Background in Resene Alabaster and testpots in (clockwise from top) Resene Spring Fever, Resene Ivanhoe, Resene Blue Moon, Resene Duck Egg Blue, Resene Brown Sugar, Resene Manuka Honey and Resene Villa White (centre).



Vases, bowls and other sculptural accents with wavy, fluted shapes – especially those with amphora-like forms – have become essential objects for interior decorating. Rather than searching high and low for the perfect pieces to coordinate with your colour scheme, clever designers are using Resene testpots to paint pieces acquired from favourite suppliers and op-shops alike. Since most Resene testpots are made with Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen, the paint imparts a desirable low sheen finish. On smooth items, be sure to first apply the appropriate primer to provide the paint with a priming layer to grip on to.

Wall and tabletop painted in Resene Villa White, vase, sculptural object and small bowl in Resene Manuka Honey and jug and large bowl in Resene Brown Sugar.





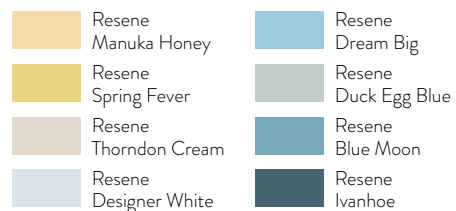
Freshly-baked beiges like Resene Half Sour Dough and Resene Alamo are easy-to-love colours. Not only are these trending tones indispensable options for building a warm and inviting atmosphere, but they have a way of enhancing natural light and creating an expansive effect. Keep furnishings minimal and light in tone in hues like Resene Colorwood Natural, Resene Bianca and Resene Spanish White to strengthen this illusion.

Walls and window frame painted in Resene Half Sour Dough and floor painted in Resene Alamo. Table from Matisse, chairs from Soren Liv, artwork by Katherine Throne from Sanderson Gallery, rug from Baya, vase from Ligne Roset, glassware and fruit bowl from Tessuti, reed diffuser from Faradays, large bowl from ECC.



Stripes have resurfaced as a popular decorating trend due to their timeless versatility and ability to add visual interest and structure to a space. Vertical stripes can also create an illusion of height while horizontal stripes may appeal to widen a room. While crisp stripes can evoke a sense of sophistication, looser, hand-painted stripes can bring casual appeal to stuffy spaces.

Wall painted in Resene Villa White with stripes in Resene Blue Moon, floor and skirting board in Resene Villa White and vase in Resene Manuka Honey.

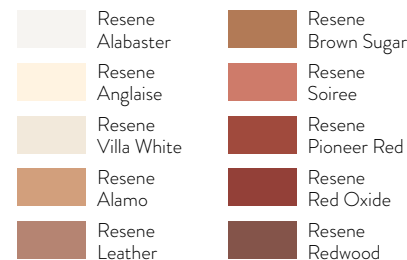


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When repainting varnished furniture where the original finish is glossy but in good repair, prime the surface first with Resene Waterborne Sureseal before applying colour coats in Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss or Resene Enamacryl gloss waterborne enamel.

Painted statement furniture in a contrasting colour continues to be an effective means of bringing personality to an understated backdrop while creating a strong focal point within a room. Even a powder blue like Resene Dream Big packs a pop against a neutral backdrop infused with a hint of blue, violet or grey such as Resene Designer White.

Walls and ceiling painted in Resene Designer White, floor in Resene Alabaster and lamp and dresser in Resene Dream Big. Dresser from Mocka, artwork from Danske Møbler, book, bedlinen, cushions, throw, vases and slippers from A&C Homestore, curtains from Curtain Studio.



The rise of red has likely played a role in the continued importance of pink paint colours. Dining areas, bathrooms and bedrooms remain top spaces for using delicately greyed-off terracotta pinks like Resene Soiree, which tend to throw a rosy glow. This flattering effect has a way of enhancing the appearance of all skin tones. Where a little extra visual texture is needed, try Resene Wallpaper Collection E307344. This wallpaper features a similar terracotta hue but with a romantic floral design with a touch of antique appeal. **BW**

