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welcome

Hello and welcome to another issue of *habitat*. By the time this magazine reaches you, warmer weather should be upon us, along with the enthusiasm we all have for DIY and maintenance projects that inevitably comes when the sun shines.

We have lots of new product and decorating ideas to share with you to help you make the most of your home and garden, from quick and easy ways to spruce up bathrooms and kitchens, to a close look at the latest design trends and handy project ideas you can do in a day.

We hope you find something in these pages to inspire and excite you – and if you need more expert advice, paint tips or just fresh colour inspiration, our friendly staff at your local Resene ColorShop are there to help you with every aspect of your decorating projects.

Happy decorating!

the Resene team

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Resene
Chelsea Cucumber

Some products or services may not be offered in your area. Most Resene products can be ordered on request, though lead times and minimum order quantities may apply. Please check with your local Resene ColorShop or reseller.

Cover: Front wall in Resene Chicago, back wall in Resene Silver Chalice, decking in Resene Woodsman Decking Oil Stain Natural, floorboards and middle chair in Resene Shade and other chairs in Resene Tulip Tree and Resene Woodsman Where. Exterior wood trim in Resene Half Sea Fog, wall light and skirting in Resene Double Sea Fog, planter pots in Resene Silver Chalice and Resene Possessed, side table in Resene Chicago and small items in Resene Red Red Red, Resene Chicago, Resene Tulip Tree and Resene Possessed. Couch from Derlook. Project by Moneuan Ryan, image by Bryce Carleton.

what's new

New products and ideas for your home.



boot-a-licious

These snazzy boots are the perfect footwear for nipping out to the veggie garden, undertaking some outdoor paint and renovation projects, or just keeping dry on a rainy day! They come in Resene Seachange and Resene Clover, with a comfortable neoprene lining. Available from selected Mitre 10 MEGA.

Resene Seachange Resene Clover

dig this

Planning a summer garden makeover? Kit yourself out with the Resene Grow garden fork and trowel; essential tools designed for durability and efficiency with ergonomic handles for comfort and ease of use. In vibrant Resene FX Fluoro Yellow they'll not only add a cheerful touch to your garden routine, they're always easy to find. Available from Mitre 10, Nichol's and respected garden centres.



finishing touch

Soft furnishings like curtains are the icing on the cake that pulls your interior look together. The delicate Verdure design from the Resene Curtain Collection is the perfect way to break up the bold dark wall of this living room, while staying connected to the golden tones of the couch. The Resene Curtain Collection is designed to work with popular Resene colours, making it simple to create a cohesive look. Available from selected curtain specialists and Resene ColorShops, see www.resene.com/curtains.



natural elegance

Add beautiful, botanical flair to bare walls with new Resene decals. These easy-to-apply decals come in a range of designs inspired by New Zealand's native flora and fauna, like flax and Tūī, and are in a range of shades inspired by favourite Resene colours. The decals are made in New Zealand and are available to order from Resene ColorShops from November. Find out more at www.resene.com/walld decals.



Are you working on a project with Resene paints, stains or wallpaper? We'd love to see it! Please share it with us on email, Instagram or Facebook.

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Resene Quarter Biscotti

flower power

Spring florals are given a muted yet edgier finish with Resene Wallpaper Collection 33951. This modern take on a floral design adds visual interest and depth to a colour palette of warm layered neutrals and beige tones like Resene Quarter Biscotti or washed wood in Resene Colorwood Becalm. Finish with coffee accents in Resene Cafe Royale and trim in Resene Alabaster. Available from Resene ColorShops.









-  Resene Alabaster
-  Resene Colorwood Becalm
-  Resene Cafe Royale



peak oil

Bring out the best in your timber surfaces, inside and out, with Resene Woodsman Cedar Natural Wood Oil. It's designed for use on weatherboards, landscaping, interior walls and ceilings to protect, enhance and rejuvenate your timber. Continue the same colour from your exterior to your interior for seamless style. Trellis in Resene Nelson Lakes, weatherboards in Resene Hanmer, large urn in Resene Aotea, smaller urn in Resene Egmont, planter in Resene Mt Aspiring, tray in Resene Aorangi, deck painted in Resene Merino and small planter in Resene White Pointer. Available in a range of shades to suit your surroundings from Resene ColorShops and selected resellers..



-  Resene Merino
-  Resene Aorangi
-  Resene Egmont
-  Resene White Pointer
-  Resene Hanmer
-  Resene Mt Aspiring
-  Resene Aotea
-  Resene Nelson Lakes

make it matt

One of Resene's most popular outdoor paints is now available in a wider range of colours, just in time for spring and summer painting projects. The Resene Lumbersider Matt range also includes sun-smart CoolColour options for darker shades so you can paint everything from weatherboards, walls, fences and landscaping features in a robust, washable matt finish. Available from Resene ColorShops and selected resellers.



black beauty

Enhance the beauty of your timber with new Resene Colour Enhance Japan Black for an easy-to-achieve look reminiscent of Japanese lacquered finishes. There's no need to sand or strip back the finish. Simply clean the surface, mix the Resene Colour Enhance with your chosen Resene clear finish and apply. Tabletop (two coats) and small spoon (three coats) in Resene Aquaclear satin mixed with Resene Colour Enhance Japan Black, left spoon in one coat of Resene Colour Enhance Red Brown and Resene Aquaclear, bowl and right spoon in two coats of Resene Colour Enhance Red Brown and Resene Aquaclear. Middle bowl in Resene Colour Enhance Walnut and Resene Aquaclear. Vase from Public Record.



sweet dreams

Designed with Resene paint colours as inspiration, the Resene Living Oslo duvet in luxurious cotton sateen, is the perfect addition to your space. The leafy design evokes the breeziness and relaxation of a tropical escape with its lush hues of green, brown and mauve layered on a rosy-pink base. Available from Briscoes.



Resene
Billy T

Left: Layers of sunset, terracotta shades create warmth inspired by sunbaked earth. Panelled wall painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Sante Fe and plain wall and table in Resene Twizel. Floor washed in Resene Colorwood Shade. Clamshell bowl and plant pot base in Resene Cashmere. Couch from Nood, light pendant from Kmart, cushions from H&M Home and Città.

Below: Vibrant stripes painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Energy Yellow and Resene Quarter Spanish White add almost literal rays of sunshine to this entryway. Floor washed in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy, seat in Resene Quarter Spanish White and plant pot in Resene Green House. Cushions from Adairs, tree from Bed Bath & Beyond.

top tip

If you're using a bold colour on all four walls, roll your A2 painted card into a cylinder with the colour on the inside and look down the tube for a sense of how it will look over a whole room.

here comes the sun

Celebrating the sun is an uplifting design concept to guide you to a cohesive interior or exterior space.

It's less about literal sun motifs and more about saluting the joy and colour associated with rays of light and warmth, making your spaces feel sun soaked and inviting all year round.

Resene Colour Expert Jackie Nicholls says adding a metaphorical ray of sunshine to your rooms can be as simple as adding an accent colour on part of a wall or in a corner of your space. "That's often all that's needed to transform a space. You can change cushions and throws to suit the seasons but the warmth of a good colour contrast remains."

A good place to find inspiration, inside or out, is the interesting sunbaked colour combinations found in nature, Jackie says. "Think of blossoms and dahlias, all shades from soft pinks like Resene Inspire through to terracotta like Resene Dawn Glow and crimson like Resene Quarter Pohutukawa, with touches of sage green Resene Soft Apple."

When it comes to furnishings, try a curated selection of stripes and florals like the delicate buds of Resene Wallpaper Collection 333132 to bring in some golden sunny tones.



Lean in to a relaxed, beachy vibe by adding stacks of books, side tables and, where possible, lots of natural light filtered through sheer billowy curtains.

Yellows are an obvious way to add sunny colours to a room for warmth and energy. Try soft pastels like Resene Buttermilk and bronzed golds like Resene Noosa, with contrast accents of deep azure Resene Billabong as a nod to a rich summer sky. Go all in on sunshine yellow with a primary shade

Resene
Energy Yellow



top tip

Yellows intensify more than other colours when used inside. Consider choosing a lighter shade than your favourite yellow, particularly if using over larger areas. Always test your colour by painting two coats of a Resene testpot on an A2 card with an unpainted border and see how your colour changes in different lighting.



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like Resene Turbo as a sharp bolt of accent colour on a chair or cabinet against a classic monochrome look in Resene Alabaster and Resene All Black. For a moodier effect dial the yellow back to a more muted mustard tone like Resene Galliano.

Sunset shades

Another way to invite the sun into your spaces, evoking warm summer nights, is to choose a palette of sunset shades, Jackie says. These are shades like the deep flamingo pink of Resene Sunglo and Resene Japonica.

“These are uplifting and perfect for a fresh accent area. If you are painting a whole room, look at Resene Despacito, a sophisticated, pinky-peach tinged neutral. Dress these areas with lots of greenery and fresh flowers, especially blossom sprigs when the time of year is right.”

Colour saturated greens like Resene Green House and Resene Permanent Green work particularly well with these dusky tones, adding the lushness of a thriving greenhouse or conservatory.

Neutrals to try

For a subtle nod to the sun, look for off-whites, beiges and golden creams, like Resene Gin Fizz, Resene Half Solitaire and Resene Dutch White. They work well as neutral accents against sunny shades, on ceilings and trim areas or layer up these warm neutrals through a whole room for a gently glowing feeling to your space.














Try walls in wheaty Resene Haystack with trim in Resene Quarter Solitaire and bolder accents in Resene Chenin. Play up the warmth of these tones with accents of deep blue Resene Bunting.

Exterior shine




A good thing to remember when adding sunny shades to outdoor areas is that bright sunlight can actually make colours look lighter.

Above left: Create a neutral golden glow with layers of warm creams and beige. Rear batten wall painted in Resene Half Putty, trellis wall and table in Resene Triple Pearl Lusta, decking stained in Resene Woodsman Uluru, planter and hooks in Resene Bullwhip and chair painted in Resene Teak. Plant from Adairs, cushion and chair from H&M Home, light from Lighting Direct, throw and tumbler from Kmart.

Above: A clever rug design evokes light rays, and a simple mural connects this room with the outside via a glinting cityscape, while gold tones add a warm glow. Mural painted in Resene Oxygen, Resene Gunmetal, Resene Atomic and metallic Resene Dalek, Resene Infinity and Resene Silver Aluminium. Wall in Resene Black White. Floor finished in Resene Colorwood Shade. Table in Resene Undercurrent, cabinet and table tray in Resene Atomic and planter in Resene FX Faux Rust Effect. Rug from Early Settler, chair from Interior Warehouse.

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|  Resene Splash |  Resene Despacito |
|  Resene Bardot |  Resene Inspire |
|  Resene Chenin |  Resene Haystack |
|  Resene Turbo |  Resene Dawn Glow |
|  Resene Tulip Tree |  Resene Japonica |
|  Resene Galliano |  Resene Sunglo |
|  Resene Noosa |  Resene Quarter Pohutukawa |

Below: Simple tropical shades and motifs add an immediate sense of warmth. Chair frame painted in Resene Envy, DIY placemat in Resene Licorice and Resene Envy, tealight holder in Resene Rose Of Sharon and pot in Resene Blue Chalk. Tablecloth from H&M Home, tumbler from Nood.

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|  Resene Oxygen |  Resene Infinity |  Resene Undercurrent |
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Allow for more contrast between colours and consider choosing a darker version of your colour. If you were thinking about a sunny yellow exterior feature wall in sweet Resene Splash, use a Resene testpot to see how it looks in the natural light outside. You may want to test similar but deeper shades like Resene Bardot or Resene Tulip Tree too.

Finish any sloped areas in character neutrals like Resene Beeswax or darker hues such as Resene Canterbury Clay, as very clean whites may create glare. **H**

projects Megan Harrison-Turner, Vanessa Nouwens
images Bryce Carleton



top tip

Add Resene Hot Weather Additive to your Resene waterborne paint when you're painting in the heat. It will slow down the dry time for you, giving you more time to get a quality finish.



first impressions

Decorating the exterior of your home is about creating a lasting first impression and setting the tone for what lies within.

With the right choice of Resene paints and products, you can elevate your home's façade to reflect your personal style and stand out in the neighbourhood or blend in if you prefer. From timeless villas to modern masterpieces, this selection of inspiring looks showcases how colour and creativity can transform your home's exterior – and we know they're sure to give you some inspiration.

Heritage highlights

Beautiful heritage villas are known for their character and charm. They are also brimming with distinctive features that can be beautifully highlighted to enhance their appeal. These homes often boast intricate fretwork, decorative brackets and veranda

posts that can easily be accentuated with contrasting Resene colours.

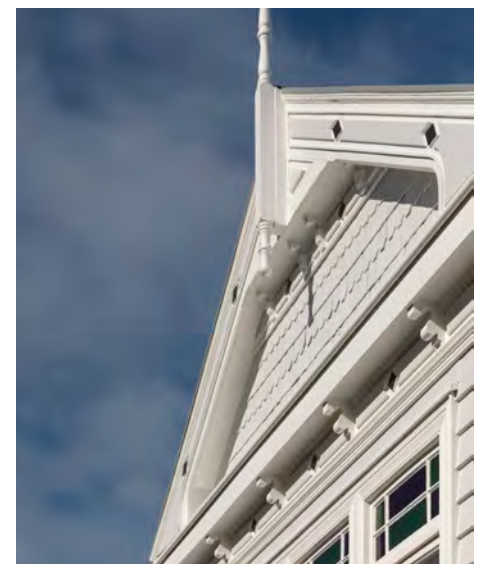
Classic gates and fences, typically found in older villas, can be refreshed in Resene Heritage colours such as Resene Burnt Umber, Resene Quarter Blanc or Resene Ivy Green, or you can opt for classics like Resene Half Black White and Resene Grey Friars. Window sashes and bay windows also provide an excellent opportunity for a splash of colour, making them stand out against the more muted tones of the weatherboards.

The elegant detailing on eaves, gables and balustrades can be painted in shades like Resene Double Cod Grey to emphasise the architectural craftsmanship. With these thoughtful touches you can bring out the timeless elegance and unique personality of your villa.






Above: Moving away from darker shades, this home was painted in brighter neutrals to keep it looking fresh and current for years to come. The weatherboards are painted in Resene Concrete, a gentle silvery grey, while complementary trims, fascia and soffits are in Resene Half Black White. The door and front pillars are in contrasting Resene Bokara Grey and the deck and steps pair beautifully with the home in Resene Triple Concrete, while not taking away from the structure itself.

Below: The subtle contrast of light neutrals – Resene Concrete and Resene Half Black White – highlight the delicate detailing on this cherished villa.

project Leonie von Sturmer, www.vonsturmern.com
images Jono Parker



Below: In keeping with the gentle façade of this villa, Resene Gull Grey was used on the weatherboards, with trims and soffits in Resene Sea Fog. Gentle neutrals and colours are a great way to let the character of an older villa come through. For a stunning contrast, a black like Resene Nero can be used on gates, fences and plant pots, enhancing the overall look. Project by Charlotte Minty of Charlotte Minty Interior Design, www.charlotteminty.co.nz, image by Bonny Beattie.

-  Resene Sea Fog
-  Resene Burnt Umber
-  Resene Double Cod Grey
-  Resene Gull Grey
-  Resene Nero



Knock on wood

Natural wood exteriors exude warmth and charm that fits perfectly with our natural landscapes. Resene Waterborne Woodsman, in shades like Resene Bark, Resene Cedar and Resene Natural, enhances the natural grain and texture of the wood while providing protection from the elements.

For a modern twist, consider a two-tone effect using lighter and darker shades on your trims or decking. This approach highlights the structure of your home adding depth and interest to the façade.



-  Resene Quarter Napa
-  Resene Woodsman Natural
-  Resene Woodsman Cedar
-  Resene Woodsman Bark

Above: Working with the theme of a 'Tuscan farmhouse', these custom-made window frames were stained with Resene Woodsman Bark, making them a stand-out feature of this exterior painted in classic off white Resene Bone. Project by Alicia Stephens of AMS Interiors & Styling, image by Leigh Baumann Photography.



Left: Highlighting one side of this home and garage, this cedar cladding, finished in Wood-X Cedar Oil in the shade Tor from Resene ColorShops, adds a touch of nature and warmth to the otherwise neutral palette. The plastered brick is painted in Resene Quarter Napa. Project and image by Designgroup Architects h + k, www.ahk.co.nz.

-  Resene Concrete
-  Resene Grey Friars
-  Resene Bokara Grey

Join the dark side

For a bold and dramatic statement, dark exteriors are increasingly popular. Deep, moody colours like Resene Bokara Grey and Resene Baltic Sea create a striking and modern appearance – they look especially great in rural or landscaped settings where lush greenery is present.

Dark exteriors also offer practical benefits, as they tend to hide dirt and imperfections better than lighter shades, reducing maintenance efforts. When paired with natural materials such as wood and stone, dark hues can enhance the texture and depth of the façade, adding richness and complexity to the overall design.

If you've been wanting to try a dark colour for your exterior but worried about the heat damaging the substrate over the warmer months, you can use the Resene CoolColour version of the colour to reduce heat stress and damage. A Resene CoolColour reflects more of the sun's damaging UV rays than the standard version of the colour and is especially useful when you're opting for a dark paint or stain. ➤



Above: The use of a dark colour scheme on this exterior brings the classic features of an Art Deco Queenslander to the forefront. Weatherboards are painted in Resene Half Fuscous Grey, plastering and rafters in Resene Nero and contrasting trims in Resene Quarter Black White.

Left: To create a stunning contrast to the landscape and gardens, Resene Nero was painted on these balustrades, complementing the home painted in dark Resene Half Fuscous Grey. Trims are painted in Resene Quarter Black White. Projects by Dion Seminara Architecture, www.dsarchitecture.com.au, images by Darren Kerr.

-  Resene Quarter Black White
-  Resene Half Black White
-  Resene Triple Concrete
-  Resene Half Fuscous Grey
-  Resene Ivy Green
-  Resene Baltic Sea





Resene Half Inside Back

Left: Subtle, near neutral shades of greens and blues are great choices for villas. This original veranda is a cosy spot to sit and read or have a catch up over a cuppa. The weatherboards are painted in Resene Half Inside Back, a beautiful green edged grey. The deck is painted in Resene Rolling Stone, window trims and fence in Resene Geyser and fretwork and woodwork in Resene Black White. Project by Barbara Lawson of Homes Created, image by David Leggott. See opposite for alternative looks for this outdoor living space.

Resene Geyser

Resene Rolling Stone

Neutral territory

Neutrals are a perennial favourite for a reason. They offer a versatile backdrop that can adapt to any style or setting. From cool, crisp Resene Black White to warm, inviting Resene Half Spanish White, these shades create a sophisticated and timeless exterior that complements both traditional and contemporary homes.

Neutrals blend seamlessly with various materials, such as wood, stone and metal, enhancing the overall aesthetic of your home. They also provide a perfect canvas for showcasing architectural details and landscaping, allowing your home's unique features to shine. Pairing different neutral tones can also add subtle sophistication, creating a harmonious yet dynamic look that exudes elegance and refinement. >



Above: A traditional scheme was chosen for the exterior of this villa, showcasing its architectural beauty. Resene Half Alabaster on weatherboards is a clean and crisp choice that will stand the test of time. Trims are painted in Resene Alabaster and the roof is a subtle contrast painted in soft Resene Gull Grey. Project by Thomas Ward and Jess Driver of I Am Developer, www.iamdeveloper.co.nz, image by Taylor Wilson.

Resene Half Alabaster

Resene White

Resene Alabaster

Resene Black White

Resene Half Spanish White

Resene Half Delta

Resene Gull Grey

Resene Grey Friars



Left: The colours for this ADU (accessory dwelling unit) were chosen to be appropriate to the colour palette of the period of the turn-of-the-century house it sits beside while also being modern. Resene Half Delta was chosen for the weatherboards, with doors in Resene Grey Friars and highlighted trims in Resene White. Project by Rare Buildings, image by Jason Ireland.

alternative solutions



Asha Ardill
Interior decorator
and colour consultant

South Coast Colour
www.southcoastcolour.com.au

I've reimagined this space as a 'summertime soiree' – warm, fun and inviting. This sweet corner spot immediately felt like it needed a warm lift into rose-bloom hues and sun-kissed undertones. I chose Resene Soiree as the feature wall and floor colour to bring in happy summertime vibes. Resene Solitaire is a quieter but related neutral for the main walls, plus there's added contemporary crispness from using both Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta and Resene Diesel to round out the rosy palette. I wanted the space to connect to the outdoors more, while retaining the cosiness of a secret spot. I have also pulled out the chairs from the corner to take advantage of the whole deck.



Above: Home exterior in Resene Solitaire with half-wall and floor in Resene Soiree and timber trim in Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta. The fence is Resene Diesel. Outdoor rug from Miss Amara, chairs from Satara, table from GlobeWest, planter from Florabelle Living, cushion from Walter G.

Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta
 Resene Solitaire
 Resene Soiree
 Resene Diesel



illustrations
Malcolm White

Above: Exterior walls painted in Resene Foggy Grey, with door and trim in Resene Half Wan White. Fence finished with Resene Woodsman Cedar Natural Wood Oil in Resene Te Papanui. Deck stained with Resene Woodsman Driftwood. Pots from Plant and Pot, couch from Design Warehouse, planter from Koko Classics, lights from Early Settler.

Resene Half Wan White
 Resene Woodsman Driftwood
 Resene Cedar Oil Te Papanui



Madison McLeod
Resene Colour Expert
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My aim was to lighten and modernise the space while still preserving its original features. I wanted to enhance the deck and fence by restaining them in classic timber colours and contrasting them with the weatherboards in beautiful Resene Foggy Grey. Creating a comfortable space to enjoy a morning coffee or the afternoon sun was my main priority. Natural textures and finishes in the furnishings with cosy wooden based seating, soft outdoor lighting and rough textured pots, modernise the space while still providing a truly welcoming feeling.



which finish is right for you?

- Decorator favourites are easy-clean Resene Sonyx 101 semi-gloss or Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen to cover imperfections.
- For higher gloss use Resene Hi-Glo; for matte use Resene Lumbersider Matt.
- For plaster cladding use Resene X-200 weathertight membrane for protection and to bridge small cracks.
- On an Art Deco or Mediterranean style home try Resene AquaShield, an ultra flat mineral-effect finish.
- Use Resene Lustacryl (semi-gloss) or Resene Enamacryl (gloss) on trim and joinery.
- For a stained wood finish use Resene Waterborne Woodsman or Resene Woodsman Wood Oil Stain (solventborne) on weatherboards and fences.
- Stain decks with Resene Woodsman Decking Oil Stain (waterborne) or Resene Woodsman Wood Oil Stain or Resene Kwila Timber Stain for a kwila-look. For an oiled-look use Resene Furniture and Decking Oil.
- Use Resene Walk-on for painting walking areas. Add Resene Anti-Slip Grip Additive or use Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path for a non-slip finish, especially in wet areas.

Resene Foggy Grey



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-  Resene Adrenalin
-  Resene Clockwork Orange
-  Resene Bright Red
-  Resene Frozen
-  Resene Half Silver Chalice
-  Resene Grey Friars
-  Resene Paua
-  Resene Element

Pop goes the paint

Injecting unexpected pops of colour into your home's exterior can transform it from ordinary to extraordinary. Bright hues like Resene Turbo or Resene Adrenalin can be used on front doors, window frames or even as an accent wall to create a playful and inviting vibe.

These bold colours not only make a statement but also add personality and charm to your home. If you prefer a more subtle approach, consider using Resene Sorbet or Resene Coriander on garden features or outdoor furniture for a cohesive and lively outdoor space.

-  Resene White
-  Resene Half Sea Fog
-  Resene Coriander
-  Resene Sushi
-  Resene Sorbet
-  Resene Pohutukawa
-  Resene Turbo
-  Resene Hot Toddy

Above left: The striking box addition to this home is painted in Eco Choice approved Resene Sonyx 101 waterborne paint tinted to Resene Bright Red, standing out from the Wellington hills with its semi-gloss finish. This burst of colour is paired with Resene Half Sea Fog on the window sash and neutral Resene Half Silver Chalice on the exterior of the existing home. Project and image by Walker Architecture & Design, www.rogerwalker.co.nz.

Above: The incredibly provocative cerulean blue, Resene Allports, was chosen for the back entrance of this home, creating a unique entryway. The client wanted a 'funky point of difference' and that's exactly what they got – a colour that packs a punch. Pair this with a dark shade on cladding like Resene Element to make your bright colour contrast really pop. Project and image by Hunter Architecture, www.hunterarchitecture.co.nz.

top tip

If you're going bold, use a gloss finish, such as Resene Super Gloss or Resene Enamacryl, to bring out the intensity of your colour.



Above: The golden yellow hue of Resene Hot Toddy adorns this front door and window frame, paired with trims in Resene White and contrasting cladding in Resene Element. Project and image by Katrina and Mike.



Above: This front door is a breath of fresh air. Painted in Resene Frozen, it pairs well with the white and grey on the exterior. The weatherboards are painted in Resene Grey Friars and trims in Resene Black White. Project by Melanie Jayne Design, image by Rachel Hadfield.

Opening statements


Your front door is the gateway to your home and an excellent opportunity to make a statement. A vibrant door can add a welcoming touch and enhance your home's curb appeal. There is a wide range of colours that can turn your front door into a focal point, from the classics like Resene Pohutukawa and Resene Clockwork Orange, to unique hues like Resene Sushi and Resene Paua. Whether you prefer a bold and bright entrance or a subtle and sophisticated look, there is a shade to suit every style.

Through the thoughtful use of colour you can transform your home's façade to reflect your personal style and make a statement in your neighbourhood. The possibilities are endless. Let these inspiring examples guide you in creating an exterior that not only stands out but also complements the unique character of your home. **H**

words Jessica Weale



For more exterior ideas, pick up a free *habitat plus – exteriors* guide from your Resene ColorShop or reseller or view it online at www.resene.com/habitatplus.

-  Resene Black White



garden glow-up

Homeowners get creative with paint to give their outdoor areas a colourful makeover.

We asked *habitat* by Resene readers to show us the different ways they've used Resene paints and products in their gardens and backyards to give them a vibrant glow-up.

Winner Natalie, Dunedin

With an active and outdoorsy toddler to keep amused, adding a child-friendly climbing wall to the outside of their home was a fun and practical choice for her family.

The climbing wall is part of a larger project that has turned a previously unused area underneath the family home into a sunny fairy garden and play area for four-year-old Addison, and an adults retreat.

"We wanted to include something in the garden that Addie could really interact with," Natalie says. "She absolutely loves it and uses it a lot."

Natalie chose a honeycomb pattern for the climbing wall to echo a beehive which they were considering

adding to their garden that is already filled with plums, apples, pears, blackcurrants and grapes.

"Using a honeycomb pattern also allowed us to add in some reachable blackboard areas painted with Resene FX Blackboard Paint that Addie could draw on, making the wall more interactive for her," she says.

"When it came to choosing colours we chose the same blues and yellows we've used in other parts of the garden like our glasshouse."

And Addie's adventure garden isn't done yet. Natalie has plans to add in a second stage over this coming summer with climbing bars and a play area on the lawn, which will all be decorated in rainbow colours, using Resene paints.

"We're not done yet!"

Natalie's top tip

"Always have fun with colour. It is so easy to paint, and something like this can be done in an afternoon using some masking tape and a template."

Resene
Pattens Blue

Resene
Paper Doll


Resene
Snowy Mint

Resene
Feijoa

Resene
Japanese Laurel

Above: Natalie chose Resene FX Blackboard Paint for some of the honeycomb sections with others in Resene Explorer and Resene Bright Spark, which is also used on the pillars and retaining wall of the fairy garden, under the house. The wall is painted in Resene Pattens Blue, Resene Bright Spark and Resene Paper Doll. The fairy garden trellis is a celebration of greens painted in Resene Crusoe, Resene Japanese Laurel, Resene Tree Frog, Resene Wham, Resene Groovy, Resene Snowy Mint and Resene Feijoa.

image Nick Beadle

-  Resene Wham
-  Resene Crusoe
-  Resene Groovy
-  Resene Explorer
-  Resene Tree Frog
-  Resene Bright Spark

Runners up

Julie, Te Awamutu

"I find Resene Paddock soothing and restful and it really complements the greenery outdoors," says Julie of the colour she chose to repurpose this chandelier into a quirky and unique bird feeder. "I actually grabbed the chandelier out of my friend's car boot as she was on her way to the dump to dispose of it!"

Julie says Resene Paddock is the perfect green for her garden. "And for my large covered deck area, I've just bought some more of it, as I plan to paint some more items over spring using that green. I've also recently discovered Resene FX Faux Rust Effect and I'm enjoying using that on some old urns to get that timeworn vintage rusty look to them."



Resene Paddock



Julie's top tip

"Depending on the condition of the item, I do prepare it really well. If it's rusty or has flaky paint, I remove that, treat it and then paint. I find Resene products last really well outdoors and they weather really well too."

Resene Elderflower

Samantha, Napier

"I love to think outside the box," Samantha says of the inspiration behind her beautiful drawers upcycled into a unique and eye-catching planter, now full of luscious plants. "I'm constantly looking at things and thinking about something different I can use them for."

The drawers are an artistic combination of colours like Resene Home Run, Resene Blue Gem, Resene Poppy and Resene Wham and the drawer frame is a custom-made Resene colour similar to Resene Billy T. There are many other Resene colours throughout Samantha's garden on other projects like a claw bath mural and toilets turned into planters. "My partner always jokes that you can't leave something for too long or I'll either mosaic it or paint it. There's pops of colour throughout the whole garden; it's uplifting."



Samantha's top tip

"Don't be afraid to give something a go and be a little bit bold. If you don't like it you can always put another colour over it. It's as easy as that."

Resene Snowy Mint
 Resene Billy T
 Resene Home Run
 Resene Poppy
 Resene Blue Gem

Charlotte, Pukekohe

As it was the main entrance to her home, Charlotte decided the veranda of her 1960s bungalow needed a bit of 'wow factor'. She first painted the veranda floor in two coats of Resene White before stencilling an overlaid pattern in Resene Triple Bison Hide.

"It was love at first sight when I saw that colour on the Resene colour chart. I used it on the exterior windowsills and loved it so much that I ended up using it on the entire patio and the front steps.

"I love how everyone comments on the veranda and I secretly love how it stunned my sceptical family. They thought I had lost the plot when I started painting the first two coats which were bright glaring white!"

Charlotte's next patio project is to paint her patio furniture.



Charlotte's top tip

"When painting with stencils, take your time and make it relaxing and enjoyable. I did mine over a couple of warm summer evenings, armed with a glass of wine or two."

Resene White
 Resene Quarter Linen
 Resene Triple Bison Hide

Mark, Christchurch

When retired farmer Mark added this second-hand, metal-framed glasshouse to his veggie garden, he decided it was an opportunity to add a burst of colour to his backyard. After seeking some advice from the paint experts at his local Resene ColorShop in Shirley, Mark carefully cleaned and prepped the frame with Resene ArmourX GP Metal Primer, then sprayed the glasshouse in vibrant Resene Half Resolution Blue. "We wanted something different. It's a great colour, it adds such a great brightness to the garden." H

Resene Half Resolution Blue



Mark's top tip

"Do the prep, but make sure you do the right prep by checking with the experts first. The staff at our Resene ColorShop were so brilliant at giving us the right information."

Resene Patters Blue

meet the maker

Left: This spring-like green bench, painted in Resene Dizzy Lizzy, brightens this garden, complementing the flowers and greenery.

Below: Four of Wayne's stunning chairs, painted in Resene Turbo, Resene Dizzy Lizzy, Resene Smashing and Resene Surfs Up.

Resene Turbo

Resene Dizzy Lizzy

Resene Surfs Up



bold take on a classic

Wayne Gibson brings Canadian charm to local gardens.

bright colours like Resene Dizzy Lizzy and Resene Hyperactive.

With a good eye for colour and design, Wayne has opted to use durable Resene Lustacryl in a variety of other summery shades like Resene Turbo, a sunshine yellow, Resene Smashing, a bold red and Resene Surfs Up, a deep sea blue. These chairs add a cheerful pop and stunning contrast to any garden setting. Whether placed on a deck or nestled in a blooming garden, Wayne's Adirondack chairs invite relaxation and conversation.

Wayne's creations are more than just pieces of furniture; they are a fusion of his experiences and inspirations, brought to life in the form of artfully crafted, colourful outdoor seating. Each piece he creates is a testament to his journey, his skills and his love for using and sharing vibrant colours. **H**

If you're interested in adding a splash of Canadian and North American charm to your own outdoor space, see more of Wayne's designs at www.canadiana.nz.

Resene Hyperactive

Resene Smashing

Creator of Canadiana, Wayne Gibson, has brought a touch of Canadian and North American charm home with his vibrant Adirondack chairs. Inspired by the stunning designs he encountered while skiing at Whiteface Mountain in Canada, Wayne has reimagined these iconic pieces for local tastes and lifestyles as more of us embrace the comfort and style of these classic outdoor chairs.

Wayne's journey began after returning from 25 years in Canada, where he was inspired by the variety and popularity of Adirondack chairs. Upon his return, he decided to turn his passion into a full-time business. His admiration for the Lutyens Bench also played a pivotal role in his journey, with one of his creations gracing the front page of *Your Home and Garden* magazine, leading to a flurry of orders and many sleepless nights.

Wayne's creations are made from New Zealand Pine, sourced from mature trees. His

choice of materials and methods reflects his commitment to quality and durability.

When it comes to painting his creations, Wayne uses an array of Resene hues, chosen for the quality and great colour selection available. His palette is inspired by the vibrant hues and designs of chairs he saw in Whiteface. With so many shades to choose from, he has a particular soft spot for bold,





Above: To get started, place your first pallet down on a flat surface and saw off each side stringer. Clean thoroughly with Resene Timber & Deck Wash, using a scrubbing brush to remove any dirt and stains.



Above: Once your bar is assembled, fill any holes with Resene Ezyfill Quick, then sand and wipe off sanding dust and apply a coat of Resene Quick Dry primer for an even, undercoated surface before painting.



Above: Apply two coats of Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel in your chosen colour. Pour your paint into a small Resene paint pot to prevent any dirt or bristles contaminating your main paint can.

 Resene Rapture

For full step-by-step instructions on making Jacob's fence bar, scan the QR code or visit www.masterstrokebyresene.com/fence-bar.

on the fence

The Upcycler Jacob Leaf has a simple idea to add practical style to your outdoor entertaining with a fence bar made from wood pallets.

Elevate your balcony or deck and give yourself useful entertaining space by building this fence bar from old timber pallets. It sits flat over a deck balustrade or fence to serve as a handy table. It's particularly useful for smaller areas that don't have room for a standalone table.

Jacob used two pallets to build this fence bar and gave it a pop of colour using Resene Lustacryl in Resene Rapture but you can paint yours in any Resene colour or wood stain that suits your home or garden's style.

Free wood pallets are usually readily available and are a great resource for cost-effective upcycling. The best place to check is with local bulk stores. If you can't lay your hands on any, you could create this project with offcuts from another project. Set aside a weekend to hone your DIY skills on this simple project. **H**

Jacob's top tip

Always double check your measurements are correct and the lines and angles are straight.



take a seat

Four fast, simple and effective decorating ideas to upgrade your seating.







Resene paints, stains and testpots are some of the most versatile tools in your home makeover kit. To show the big impact you can make by using a few favourite Resene colours, we took four different seating options and gave them a creative paint facelift.

Summer stripes

Adding a few smart contrast stripes to a classic Cape Cod chair lends sophistication and flair. Try different width stripes and a colour palette that complements your home's exterior.

Bold bar stools

Wooden seat tops are a good canvas for creativity. Geometric designs can be easily masked up or try stencils to create a more intricate look. Use masking tape for multi-colour designs to get crisp edges between colours. Allow to dry between coats and colours.

 Resene Quarter Silver Chalice	 Resene Iko Iko
 Resene Silver Chalice	 Resene Armadillo
 Resene Natural	 Resene Element



Above: These stool tops are painted in Resene Quarter New Denim Blue, Resene Half Innocence, Resene Duck Egg Blue, Resene Spanish Green, Resene Haven and Resene Secrets with one section stained in Resene Colorwood Natural. The floor is washed with Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy and the wall is Resene Half Rice Cake. Stool tops finished in Resene Aquaclear.



Above: This chair is painted in Resene Quarter Silver Chalice with stripes in Resene Element. The V groove wall is in Resene Silver Chalice. The decking is stained in Resene Woodsman Natural. The stump table is Resene Element. The round planter, book cover and tumbler are Resene Iko Iko and the larger planter and small dish are Resene Armadillo. Plants from Kings Plant Barn.

 Resene Weathered Yellow	 Resene Half Rice Cake
 Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy	 Resene Sakura
 Resene Half Beryl Green	 Resene Glorious

For step-by-step instructions on how to makeover your chairs visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/four-ways-with-chairs or scan the QR code.



A chair for everyone

Personalised designs are a fun idea for the kids and other family members. Stencilled letters or designs are the simplest way to create a fun look for everybody.

Above: These chair seats and backs are painted in Resene Diesel then finished with Resene Aquaclear. The words are painted in Resene Teak. The floor is washed with Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy and the wall is Resene Half Rice Cake.

 Resene Secrets	 Resene Teak
 Resene Duck Egg Blue	 Resene Spanish Green
 Resene Haven	 Resene Quarter New Denim Blue
 Resene Half Innocence	 Resene Diesel



Left: The lower legs on all these chairs are painted in Resene Quarter Spanish White, with uppers in, from left, Resene Half Beryl Green, Resene Sakura, Resene Weathered Yellow and Resene Glorious. The floor is washed with Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy and the wall is Resene Half Rice Cake.

Sweet sorbet seating

Try a colour theme for dining chairs rather than a single shade. Keep one part of each chair the same colour so they still look like a set. We've opted for soft sorbet shades, but you could try a gradient of greens or blues, or on wood chairs, experiment with different washes from the Resene Colorwood We Speak Beach range. H

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step-by-step





holiday havens at home

Create functional outdoor spaces that speak to your mood as well as your staycation style.

Whether you have a large back garden, a cosy courtyard or a tiny terrace you can still instil plenty of personality in your outdoor spaces while recreating the spirit of holidays at home. To help get the ideas flowing we've decorated this outdoor space in four ways, each inspired by a different holiday destination.

No matter what kind of theme or mood you want to create in your outdoor space, the key to a successful design that is authentic and true to you, is to start with how you want the

space to feel, rather than how it will look, says Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey.

"Just as you would in an indoor room, think about how the space will be used, then use basic design principles like keeping to all cool or warm colours and being mindful of proportions to start bringing together the feel you want. Use unifying motifs, like repeated patterns or colours to keep everything cohesive and work with the colours and pieces you love. That's how you start to create your own unique design style."

Be excited in the Hamptons

For an energising, fun outdoor space look at ways to incorporate shapes and patterns that seem to clash, but, with unifying Resene colours, neutral touches and soft, draped finishes they will actually complement each other. For an 'excite' space reinvent a classic Hamptons look using an almost-shimmering, bright sea blue such as Resene Halcyon with contrasts in bolts of citrus yellow. Then soothe things down with inkier blues, greys and lush climbing plants.

Be creative in the Med

Nothing inspires creativity quite as well as joy and being in an uplifting environment. For a 'create' space, use vibrant contrasts in a selection of fresh Resene whites and sea or sky blues that evoke the sun-drenched glamour of the Mediterranean. Let your creativity sing by making your own DIY art or design feature using Resene testpots as a conversation starter and consider a textured finish with a washed or ragged effect with Resene FX Paint Effects Medium for a relaxed look. Add natural tones with plenty of greenery for softness.

did you know?

The Resene FX range includes a variety of products offering different textured and visually interesting effects, from weathered-looking limewashed effects to metallics, rust, crackle and stipple effects.



top tip

If you're choosing a dark paint or stain colour outside, choose the Resene CoolColour version to help reflect more heat.

Entertain in Japan

Even when the sun is shining and temperatures are rising, an outdoor entertaining area needs some sense of cosiness and connection for successful entertaining. For a simple, elegant 'entertain' space, perfectly suited to smaller areas, look to Japanese style for inspiration with informal wood finishes using a range of Resene wood and decking stain colours, dark contrasted against light, and, for that personal flair, add unexpected warm tones in burnt orange or deep red, such as Resene Burgundy.

Relax in Morocco

For an outdoor 'relax' space that is both comforting and eye-catching, work with layers of texture and textiles in Resene's soothing desert-kissed shades, recalling the laid-back comforts of Morocco. Choose brown-toned brick reds such as Resene Apple Blossom, with fresher neutrals, Resene Woodsman stains on timber to enhance the colour and touches of luxury with muted jewel tones and soft fabrics. For the finishing touch, add a layer of natural fibres and hand-crafted detail. [H](#)

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images Bryce Carleton



pick a palette

Excite room: Decking stained in Resene Woodsman Natural with side wall painted in Resene Halcyon and rear wall in Resene Bluff. Concrete paver design painted in Resene Walk-on paving paint in Resene Halcyon and Resene Bluff, sideboard in Resene Hammerhead, table in Resene Quarter Blanc, planters in Resene Pale Prim, light in Resene Solitude and small pot in Resene Halcyon. Chair, cushions and pots from French Country Collections.

Create room: Patio floor painted in Resene Triple Concrete with sponged layers of Resene FX Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Double Stack and Resene Eighth Black White. Wall in Resene Lumbersider Matt in Resene Eighth Black White and zig-zag arch in Resene Resolution Blue, with a top layer in Resene FX Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Polo Blue. Shutter in Resene Polo Blue with layers of Resene FX Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Zircon and Resene Half Resolution Blue. Pots in Resene Resolution Blue with top layer in Resene FX Paint

Effects Medium mixed with Resene Zircon, table and chairs in Resene Polo Blue, light in Resene Element and tray in Resene Zircon.



Entertain room: Deck stained in Resene Woodsman Decking Oil Stain Tiri with walls stained in Resene Woodsman Charred Black. Tabletop painted in Resene Cobblestone, stools in Resene Burgundy, tall planter in Resene Bullwhip and planter box in Resene Dark Rum. Bamboo screen lightly ragged with Resene Woodsman Bark. Lanterns from Look Sharp Store, bowls from Hospice shop.

Relax room: Upper wall painted in Resene Apple Blossom with a top layer of Resene FX Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Quarter Solitaire. Dado rail and stars in Resene Solitaire, tabletop in Resene Woodsman Bark with star border in Resene Manhattan, large planters in Resene Cinnamon and Resene Mocha, lanterns in Resene FX Faux Rust Effect and decking stained in Resene Woodsman Decking Oil Stain Tiri. Fruit bowl in Resene Cinnamon. Cushions from Yuva.

excite

-  Resene Quarter Blanc
-  Resene Halcyon
-  Resene Bluff
-  Resene Hammerhead
-  Resene Woodsman Natural

create

-  Resene Zircon
-  Resene Polo Blue
-  Resene Half Resolution Blue
-  Resene Triple Concrete
-  Resene Double Stack

entertain

-  Resene Bullwhip
-  Resene Burgundy
-  Resene Dark Rum
-  Resene Cobblestone
-  Resene Woodsman Tiri

relax

-  Resene Solitaire
-  Resene Manhattan
-  Resene Apple Blossom
-  Resene Mocha
-  Resene Woodsman Bark

fun times

Easy DIY for the whole family.

Play time

Forget the classic tyre swing. Instead try upcycling an old tyre into a fun and unique mini-seesaw that will keep the kids entertained for hours. Using both halves of the tyre you could even make two! With some rope, a piece of wood and Resene paint you can create and paint to suit any colour theme or design you like. We've opted for tiger stripes, but maybe your kids might prefer dinosaur greens, cheetah spots or just a mix of random shapes and colours.

Right: Seesaw painted in Resene Ecstasy, Resene Alert Tan and Resene Black Magic. Deck finished in Resene Woodsman Decking Oil Stain in Resene Nutmeg.

- Resene Alert Tan
- Resene Black Magic
- Resene Woodsman Nutmeg



For a step-by-step guide on how to make this seesaw visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/diy-tyre-seesaw.



top tip

Mix Resene Colour Enhance with Resene clear finishes such as Resene Aquaclear or Resene Qristal ClearFloor 1K and apply onto interior timber surfaces without having to strip back to bare timber. Or add to Resene Concrete Clear to colour concrete.

Me time

Never lose your place again with this easy book holder. Not only is it super simple to make and super practical for your book, the inside of this smart design is a great place to store reading glasses, your phone or even a small bowl of tasty snacks. A great tip for projects like this that will be used a lot is to finish with Resene Aquaclear to give them a durable, wipe-able finish. It'll help keep them looking good for longer.

Left: Outside of book stand in Resene Colour Enhance White mixed with Resene Aquaclear semi-gloss. Inside in Resene Hippiie Blue, tabletop in Resene Charred Black and wall in Resene Eighth Tana.

- Resene White
- Resene Hippiie Blue
- Resene Eighth Tana
- Resene Charred Black



For a step-by-step guide on how to make this project visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/book-glasses-stand.





For more fun project ideas, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips.

Resene Quarter Tana 

Pet time

Build your kitty its own comfy, mid-century style hidey-hole. There are all kinds of cat beds and hidey-holes out there to buy, but how many of them will fit right in with your interior design? This simple stylish box bed is the perfect solution. Resene Colour Enhance is a great option if you're using upcycled wood or want the look of older timber as it adds colour while allowing the wood grain to show through.

Right: Victor the cat is enjoying his new space. Outside in Resene Colour Enhance Jarrah mixed with Resene Aquaclear semi-gloss. Inside in Resene Quarter Tana, vase in Resene Pendragon, big cat in Resene Triple Tana and little cat in Resene Quarter Tana. Wall in Resene Neutral Bay. Floor in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy.

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|  Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy |  Resene Neutral Bay |
|  Resene Triple Tana |  Resene Pendragon |



For a step-by-step guide on how to make this pet project visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/catnap-table.



For a step-by-step guide on how to make these chip holders visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/snack-blocks.

Family time

Family snacks are smart, simple and tidy with our DIY chip holders – just choose your favourite dipping sauce! These chip holders are an excellent way to use up wood offcuts from bigger projects, as well as any leftover paint and stain. Just measure your dipping containers carefully so you drill the right size hole for a perfect fit.

Left: Background in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy. Blocks in Resene Colour Enhance White, Resene Colour Enhance Walnut, Resene Colour Enhance Jarrah, Resene Colour Enhance Red Brown, Resene Colour Enhance Black and Resene Colour Enhance Japan Black mixed with Resene Aquaclear semi-gloss.

-  Resene Colour Enhance White
-  Resene Colour Enhance Walnut
-  Resene Colour Enhance Red Brown
-  Resene Colour Enhance Black
-  Resene Colour Enhance Jarrah
-  Resene Colour Enhance Japan Black



- Resene Quarter Blanc
- Resene Blanc
- Resene Spanish White
- Resene Contented
- Resene Miso
- Resene Lemon Twist
- Resene Gimblet
- Resene Sunrise
- Resene Chelsea Gem
- Resene Secrets
- Resene Green Spring
- Resene Smashed Avocado
- Resene Paddock
- Resene Clover
- Resene Casper
- Resene Lakeside

easy living!

Nothing evokes the dreamy days of summer better than interiors that feel like a natural expression of the people who live in them.

Interior styles that summon the holiday vibes and easy living of summer combine softened shades with crisp contrast, a nod to nature and finished looks that feel authentic, and even a little weathered around the edges.

For interiors that feel lived in, a mix of colour and texture is vital, says Resene Colour Expert Amy Watkins. "Including some colour whether it's a feature wall or a single cushion helps create depth in what could otherwise be a cold, impersonal space.

"Adding colour doesn't have to mean going bold. It can even be a deeper version of a main neutral already in use."

A reliable, summery formula, which is easy to personalise, is to look for sandy, off-white neutrals like Resene Spanish White paired with muted mid-tones in blues like Resene Lakeside or greens like Resene Smashed Avocado layered with similar, lighter tones and contrasting accents in sharper shades.

Fresh greens

Botanical greens are almost a given when it comes to creating modern relaxed and connected interiors, and even when you're recreating the feeling of summer days, there's room for cosiness and comfort.

Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey says "natural textures and colours that create a snug or soothing atmosphere, combined with the use of plants, are known to elevate our mood and reduce our stress."

For a cosy look that doesn't feel dark or too wintery, try forest and pasture greens with a blackened edge like Resene Paddock or Resene Clover and punctuate the look with brighter shades reminiscent of fruit and flowers, like Resene Chelsea Gem and Resene Contented. Finish with a subtle beige neutral like Resene Quarter Blanc.

Chill coastal

The classic beachy look of blues and neutrals is evolving into a surprisingly sophisticated style that sits between high-end Hamptons and casual beach cottage.

To bring the coastal look into your home, Meryl suggests choosing light and airy yet



Above: Citrus orange and layers of verdant green help this cosy kitchen retain brightness and light. Walls painted in Resene Paddock, shelves and bench seat in Resene Green Spring and floor finished in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy. Table in Resene Spanish White, chairs in Resene Cabbage Pont, table vase and top shelf plant pot in Resene Sunrise, books in Resene Spanish White and shelf vases and ornaments in Resene Lemon Twist, Resene Cabbage Pont, Resene Secrets, Resene Spanish White, Resene Sunrise, Resene Iko Iko, Resene Paddock and Resene Japonica. Napkins and candle from Kmart, cushions from The Warehouse, artwork from Etsy.

Above left Off-whites, fresh blues and natural touches give this airy bedroom the cool calm of a coastal look with subtlety and sophistication. Lower wall, bench seat and vase painted in Resene Casper with upper wall and bedside table in Resene Parchment, floor in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy and ornamental knot in Resene Triple Parchment. Euro pillows and quilt from Kmart, duvet and pillowcases from Foxtrot Home, cushions from H&M Home.

Opposite: The textural finish on this wall gives it a softer, weathered and vintage look against the modern curves of the furniture. The wall is painted in Resene Bitter, with topcoats in Resene Celeste, Resene Miso and Resene Gimblet mixed with Resene FX Paint Effects Medium. Floor stained in Resene Colorwood Natural. Wall light painted in Resene Celeste, table in Resene Half Barely There, teapot in Resene Rhino, cups and saucers in Resene Bitter, milk bottle in Resene Celeste, jug and plate in Resene Gimblet, dish with lemons in Resene Cobblestone, large planter in Resene Celeste, watering can in Resene Miso, small planter in Resene Triple Tana and lipped plant pot in Resene Half Barely There. Chair from Derlook, plinths from Danske Møbler.

- Resene Parchment
- Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy

earthy tones like Resene Blanc for walls and larger design features of a room.

“Use accents of colour for accessorising but keep your colour palette minimal and instead play with texture for added interest. Try introducing a Resene wallpaper design or wall panelling to break up an expanse of wall and enhance your coastal colours.”

For a relaxed and lived-in finish, look to washes on timber like Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy or a limewashed effect with Resene pastel and neutral hues mixed with Resene FX Paint Effects Medium.

Boho luxe

Add personal style and flair with an intentional ‘undone’ finish in an all-neutral space by layering a variety of different off-whites and beige tones, paired with the rougher edges of natural fibres and textures.

Texture is a key part of this kind of bohemian vibe and that means visual texture as well as tactile finishes. Look to linen-look wallpapers in oaty neutrals, or subtle designs and motifs drawn from nature like Resene Wallpaper Collection M37302. Add cushions and decor pieces with fringed or raw edges and layer with textiles in wool and linen.

Experiment with blending different patterns, as well as textures and colours for a finished room that feels as though it’s been thrown together, but a little artfully and with some thought. Finish with burnished brass touches and plenty of leafy green pot plants.



Left: The tonal layers and textures of this living room give strong luxury tropical hotel vibes, balanced by elegant French colonial style. Wall papered in Resene Wallpaper Collection M37302. Skirting and floor painted in Resene Quarter Sisal, coffee table and clamshell bowl in Resene Triple Sisal, console table and basket in Resene Sisal and DIY arch art in Resene Triple Sisal and Resene Quarter Sisal. Light pendant from Kmart.

top tip

Summer is the perfect season to embrace botanic motifs like palms, leaves and flowers. Pick a few favourite Resene testpot colours and let your biophilic creativity flow!



Above: Contrasting lines add a crisp edge and complexity to this gelato-toned room. Rear wall, side wall and contrast trim painted in Resene Haven, side wall in Resene Ebb with trim and skirting in Resene Soothe, floorboards in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy, sideboard in Resene Neutral Bay and table in Resene Half Sour Dough with book in Resene Half Halcyon, plate in Resene Quarter Blanc, mug in Resene Half Sauvignon, sideboard vases, left to right, in Resene Quarter Blanc, Resene Sante Fe and Resene Half Halcyon, book in Resene Ebb, small bowl in Resene Half Halcyon and triangular vase in Resene Haven. Couch and cushions from Danske Møbler, rug from The Ivy House.

Old meets new

Pairing the elegance and polish of modern design with the burnished wear of older surfaces and styles elevates both looks.

It’s a combination that sits well with today’s sensibility for reusing and repurposing materials, while adding touches of flair with newer pieces. To get the balance right, Amy suggests a combination of good planning and creating a mood board.

“Design rules are made to be broken, so don’t be afraid to mix old and new.”

If you’re repurposing items or want to age-up newer items to suit your space, try products like Resene FX Faux Rust Effect to recreate weathered steel, Resene FX Crackle for an antiqued finish or, for a weathered paint look, Resene FX Paint Effects Medium.

Gelato-chic

Crisp lines, lots of neutrals and bolder colour bursts can help balance and calm gelato shades and prevent them from becoming too sweet, Meryl says, as can earthy shades like sage green Resene Xanadu, which works particularly well with lilac and lavender pastels like Resene Half Fog. Add crisp brighter whites such as Resene Black White to keep the look fresh.

The great advantage of working with these soft mid-tones is that they tend not to clash, so it can be a fun way to experiment with a range of different Resene colours without the finished space looking too busy. It can be a particularly fun palette to try in children’s bedrooms where a range of colours has a better chance of still appealing as they grow. **H**

projects Vanessa Nouwens, Moneuan Ryan, Hannah Tapner
images Bryce Carleton



- Resene Black White
- Resene Ebb
- Resene Half Fog
- Resene Xanadu

Get inspired by the latest fashion trends with the Resene The Range fashion colours fandeck, available from your local Resene ColorShop or reseller or order online, shop.resene.com.



top tip

“When you are taking inspiration from something, look closely at it and break down what it is you really like. Is it the wall colour? A decor piece? Once you have those answers you will have a more personalised design.”
Amy Watkins, Resene Colour Expert.

Use a favourite photo for inspiration. Load it into the free Resene Colour Palette Generator, www.resene.com/palettegenerator, and it will suggest a Resene colour palette for you.



top tip

Soften the look of interior timber walls and flooring with a Resene Colorwood Whitewash or stain wash finish.



Left: This contemporary 'shaker-style' kitchen is adorned in a sandy beige green, almost neutral. Resene Half Grey Olive painted on the cabinetry is calming and showcases the clean lines and traditional craftsmanship. The earthy rug and oak floorboards add warmth and texture, grounding the space with their natural appeal and colour. The ceiling and window trims are painted in Resene Half Rice Cake, an ideal warm white to match the soothing, inviting shades. Project by Georgie Inglis, www.kirkcaldie.com, image by Stephen Goodenough.

Below: Two gorgeous pastel hues were chosen for the feature walls of these adjacent children's rooms. The delicious pink biscuit shade, Resene Wafer, was chosen for the girl's nursery, creating a warm and calming atmosphere. This 'not so pink' hue is a great option as children get older and also works well in general living spaces and adult bedrooms. It's closer to a neutral than a bold pink. The soft grey-green of Resene Half Washed Green was chosen for the three-year-old boy's room, pairing well with the earthy tones in other décor. In both rooms the ceilings are painted in Resene Alabaster, with trim in Resene Half Milk White. Project by Lucy Furniss Design, www.lucyfurniss.com, images by Someday Photography.

- Resene Alabaster
- Resene Half Milk White
- Resene Half Grey Olive
- Resene Half Rice Cake
- Resene Wafer
- Resene Half Washed Green

inspiring interiors

Sometimes the best place to start deciding on a new look for your home is looking at what others have done. It can be inspiring and exciting to see how and where colour can be used.

We've put together some looks, from soothing to unexpected, so you can get inspired to start on your own home.

Cool, calm and coloured

With our homes often being the place we spend most of our time and take solace from the chaotic world, it seems only fitting that we would choose calming and soothing colours. Greens and peachy pinks are two colours we are seeing a lot of at the moment and

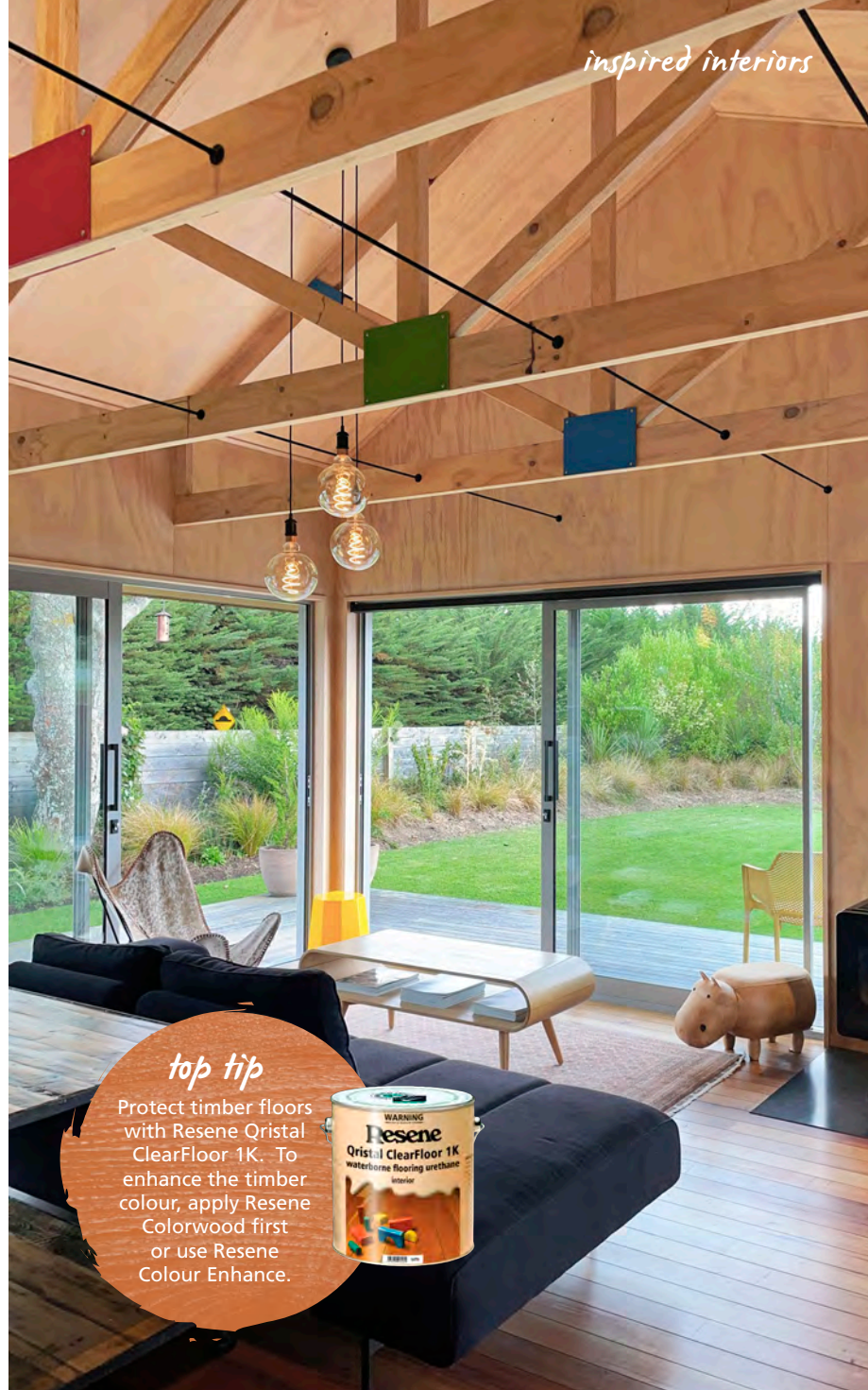
the more subtle, pastel versions of these turn out to be surprisingly comforting and peaceful. Try pairing quiet natured greens like Resene Haven, Resene Green Spring and Resene Rainee with warm pastels like Resene Vintage, Resene Coral Tree and Resene Soothe.

- Resene Rainee
- Resene Soothe
- Resene Green Spring
- Resene Coral Tree
- Resene Haven
- Resene Vintage



Resene Colorwood
Rock Salt

Right: This colour palette is a vibrant reflection of the family's dynamic nature and the desire to create an exciting home. The truss plates, a unique design feature, are adorned with pops of colour in Resene Bright Spark, Resene FOMO, Resene Havoc and Resene Picton Blue, adding personality to the main living area. The timber is stained in Resene Colorwood Rock Salt and finished in Resene Aquaclear. Aptly named Sandhill House, for its position atop a solitary sandhill in the coastal village of Waikuku Beach, this home offers space-efficient living, cost-effective materials and a vibrant aesthetic. Proving its wonderful design, Sandhill House won a Resene Total Colour Residential Interior Colour Maestro Award. Project by Max Warren of Max Warren Architect, www.mwa.nz, image by Christopher Collie.



top tip

Protect timber floors with Resene Qristal ClearFloor 1K. To enhance the timber colour, apply Resene Colorwood first or use Resene Colour Enhance.



Left: A simple feature wall in a bold contrast colour adds an element of surprise and delight to this interior. This feature wall is painted in Resene Coast, with side walls and trim in Resene Double Sea Fog and ceiling in Resene Half Black White. Project by Box Build Ltd, www.box.co.nz, image by Sophie Heyworth.

Resene Half Black White

Resene Double Sea Fog

Resene Coast

Colour me surprised

The element of surprise often elevates a space from ordinary to extraordinary. Vibrant or bold hues don't have to be feared; they can transform overlooked areas into captivating focal points. Sometimes all you need is a Resene testpot to add a touch of boldness. Truss plates or ceiling beams can be used not just as structural necessities, but as canvases for artistry creating a visual rhythm overhead. You could also consider the unexpected charm of a colourful staircase railing, where each baluster tells a different story or the playful contrast of bold drawers or cabinets in an otherwise neutral kitchen. These imaginative touches infuse spaces with personality, proving that Resene colour knows no bounds. ➤

Need help choosing colours? Visit your local Resene ColorShop or reseller, Ask a Resene Colour Expert free online, www.resene.com/colourexpert or book a Resene Colour Consultation, free instore or virtually or paid home visits in selected areas, www.resene.com/colourconsult.



Left: Filled with comfort and warmth, this welcoming entryway in Resene Half Milk White provides an ideal backdrop for art and other personal décor. This creamy white pairs beautifully with the timber elements throughout the home, adding to the overall neutral scheme. Project by Lucy Furniss of Lucy Furniss Design, www.lucyfurniss.com.

Below left: This home, with walls painted in creamy and modest Resene Half Milk White from the Karen Walker Paints collection, is the perfect canvas for adding pops of other neutrals and warm tones. In this bedroom, a feature headboard is painted in deliciously beige Resene Half Truffle. The earthy toned linen and long draping curtains add to the classic charm. Project by Lucy Furniss of Lucy Furniss Design, www.lucyfurniss.com, images by Someday Photography. See opposite for alternative looks for this bedroom.



top tip

Keep your concrete floor looking its best with Resene Concrete Wax. It can even be tinted to a Resene ConcreteWash colour.

Resene
Black White

Resene
Half Milk White

Resene
Half Truffle

Resene
Quarter Joss

Resene
Rakaia



A nod to neutrals

Neutrals have long been the unsung heroes of interior design, offering a timeless and versatile foundation for any space. The subtle sophistication and enduring appeal of the Resene Whites & Neutrals collection make these hues a favourite among homeowners and designers alike. Neutrals create a serene and harmonious atmosphere, effortlessly blending with various textures and accent colours. They provide a calming backdrop that allows for personal expression through décor and furnishings. Whether it's the warm embrace of beige – Resene Quarter Joss – the cool elegance of grey – Resene Rakaia – or the classic purity of white – Resene Black White – neutrals offer a perfect canvas for crafting inviting and stylish interiors that stand the test of time.

Decorating your home can be an exciting journey of self-expression and creativity. By taking inspiration from these diverse and thoughtfully curated interiors, you can confidently embark on transforming your own living spaces into a true reflection of your personal style and lifestyle needs. Remember, the key to a beautiful home lies in the details and with the right palette and design elements, you can create a harmonious and inspiring environment that you and your family will cherish for years to come. ➤



top tip

For more interior ideas, pick up a free *habitat plus – interiors* guide from your Resene ColorShop or reseller or view it online at www.resene.com/habitatplus.

alternative solutions



Christine Hodges

Resene Colour Expert
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I've kept the room simple and uncluttered with classic colours. The dark green walls and ceiling in Resene Exactly keep it cool and serene, while plantation shutters add luxury and are great for privacy. Scrumptious bedding to sink into is most important. The bed is the biggest piece of furniture and after a hard day there is nothing better than beautiful linen. It's always the way to anyone's heart! A small side table beside the bed creates space for a book, a lamp and a coaster for a glass of water. Add a woollen rug to sink your feet into, then a wooden fan to give good natural air flow on those hot summer nights.



Above: Walls and ceiling painted in Resene Exactly with floor stained in Resene Colorwood English Walnut and window frames in Resene Sea Fog with shutters in Resene Black White. Picture frames in Resene Porsche topcoated in Resene FX Metallic Bullion. Shutters from Brightshine, headboard and duvet from Hus, folded bedspread from M.M Linen, lamps from Misterlamp, tables from Humble & Grand, fan from Early Settler, rug and cushion from Nood, mug from T2.

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| | Resene Black White | | Resene Bullion |
| | Resene Sea Fog | | Resene Exactly |
| | Resene Aura | | Resene Colorwood English Walnut |



illustrations
Malcolm White

Above: Walls painted in Resene Alpaca with ceiling in half strength Resene Alpaca. Upper bedhead in Resene Alamo mixed with Resene FX Paint Effects Medium over half strength Resene Alpaca. Vase in Resene Rustic Red. Carpet and rug from Bremworth, lower headboard fabric from Airlie, bedlinen, throw and bolsters from Città, wall panelling from Laminex, side tables from Ornament, curtains from James Dunlop, lights from Nightworks.



Katie Scott

Architectural designer

Sticks and Stones Design
www.sticksstonesdesign.co.nz

This snug bedroom incorporates soft earthy tones and touches of luxury with full curtains and soft carpet while scalloped wall panelling adds layers of texture and tone. High windows above beds can be tricky to address. For this space I've added a custom curved low wall acting as a bedhead finished with Resene FX Paint Effects Medium in Resene Alamo. Pendant lights hang from the ceiling on each side of the bed to add light and depth to the space. I love the warmth and textures of this bedroom. It offers something unexpected but is also warm and inviting.

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| | Resene Alpaca | | Resene Alamo | | Resene Rustic Red |
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Right: The painted feature wall in this living room helps to separate this space from the rest of the open-plan home. The earthy green of Resene Kelp is a dense shade that shows more of its beauty when the sun hits it. The pops of terracotta and browns add to the overall theme, while the neutral walls painted in Resene Merino brighten the room and bring the scheme together. A great design – one that won the designers a Resene Total Colour Residential Award in the Resene Total Colour Awards. Project by Spacecraft Architects, image by David Straight.

- Resene Quarter Merino
- Resene Black White
- Resene Half Merino
- Resene Elderflower
- Resene Norwester

In the zone

In our modern homes, versatility is key. One of the most effective yet often overlooked ways to define spaces is through the strategic use of Resene paint. By thoughtfully selecting and applying different shades, you can create distinct zones within a single room, transforming it into a multifunctional haven. A bold accent wall behind a desk can carve out a dedicated home office in a living room, offering a clear mental and visual distinction between work and relaxation. In a studio flat, a cosy seating area can be defined by a warm, inviting colour that contrasts with the rest of the space, making it feel like a separate, intimate nook.

Using paint to zone spaces isn't just about aesthetics – it's about enhancing the functionality of your home. With the right colour choices, you can guide the flow of movement, improve organisation and even influence the mood of each area. Whether you're working with an open-plan layout or looking to maximise a compact apartment, harnessing the power of paint can help you craft a home that effortlessly adapts to your needs. **H**

words Jessica Weale



Above: A happy San Franciscan influenced blue, Resene Norwester, was chosen for this bedroom, creating depth and a separate space for a work desk. The surrounding walls are painted in Resene Elderflower and the ceiling and trims in Resene Black White. Project by Box™ - The Architect Builder, image by Sophie Heyworth.



top tips

- Ceilings reflect less light than walls so the same colour on the ceiling and wall will look darker on the ceiling. If you're choosing a lighter coloured ceiling, opt for a colour that is a half strength or less of your wall colour. If you use Resene Merino on the walls, opt for Resene Half Merino or Resene Quarter Merino on the ceiling and trims. The Resene Whites & Neutrals collection has up to six strengths of the most popular neutrals and off-whites so you can easily choose darker and lighter options.
- Varying the gloss level of your paint also helps your colour scheme look more interesting. Most decorators choose Resene Zylone Sheen or more washable Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen on walls, Resene Ceiling Paint or more washable Resene SpaceCote Flat on ceilings, and Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss or glossier Resene Enamacryl gloss on trim and joinery. The lower the sheen level the moodier and earthier the colour will look. A higher gloss will make the colour seem cleaner and brighter.
- Once you have narrowed down your colour choices, use Resene testpots to confirm your colour scheme. Apply two coats onto a piece of A2 card, leaving an unpainted border around it so the colour isn't influenced by anything else. When the paint is dry, pin your colour to the wall and view it in daylight and artificial light, moving it around different areas of the room and folding it into the corner of the room for a true feel of the finished effect.

- Remember you can refresh your floor too. Satin finishes are popular for floors as they are easier to clean than flat finishes but not as slippery as high gloss finishes. For a painted finish use Resene Walk-on and Resene Concrete Wax or for a stained and clear finish, Resene Colorwood stain and Resene Qristal ClearFloor 1K.

- Resene Kelp





a-door-able

Shaker-style doors add an instant statement to your home and they're surprisingly easy to do yourself.

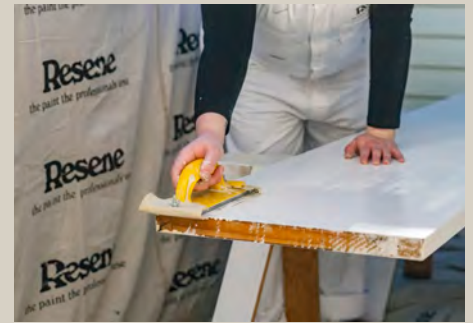
Take your old wardrobe doors from drab to fab with these simple shaker-style doors. All it takes is a few carefully placed panels to transform a basic timber door into a statement piece and a functional work of art.



Shaker-style doors feature simple wood panelling that gives them an added heritage appeal and gives your rooms some added visual texture.

After removing your doors, clean with Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner, then sand and wipe off sanding dust. Fill any holes with Resene EzyFill Quick. We finished our doors with fresh coats of Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss tinted to Resene Half Tana, which works well in this room against the walls painted in Resene Black White and trim in Resene White, but use whatever colour suits your interior. We've also added stylish new gold door handles. **H**

step-by-step



Above: Set up a work area outside then remove each door from its hinges and place on sawhorse stands for easy working.



Above: Carefully cut your door panels to the desired lengths for your door. You can have these cut to size at your local timber supplier if you prefer.



top tip

A semi-gloss finish like Resene Lustacryl is a good choice for doors and trim areas as it's durable and easy to wipe down. For a higher sheen finish, use Resene Enamacryl gloss.

- Resene White
- Resene Black White
- Resene Half Tana



For full step-by-step instructions on making these shaker doors scan the QR code or visit www.masterstrokebyresene.com/shaker-doors.



take a testpot

With a Resene testpot or two you can transform your spaces quickly, easily and inexpensively.

Resene testpots are a handy tool for all kinds of makeovers. They're great for fun kids' projects, maintenance touch-ups and, of course, testing your chosen Resene colours to see if they will look right in your spaces and places. But Resene testpots are also great for all kinds of small, creative projects that can often be finished in a few hours, offering a high reward for little effort in terms of your finished look.

From chaos to calm

Add layers of soothing, nature-influenced neutral colours or earthy tones to add immediate serenity to busy spaces.

If you have a disorganised space you want to sort, start by spending some time decluttering and organising, thinking about just how you want the area to look and function.

Look at your existing colour scheme and work with Resene colour paint swatch cards to come up with a palette of three or four muted, neutral shades that will give you a soothing, clean finished look. By using your shades over small decor pieces like pots, storage boxes or wall hooks, you can quickly and easily transform and organise your space with Resene testpots.

- Resene Half Black White
- Resene Rice Paper
- Resene Harvest Gold
- Resene Grapevine

Right: Mat and frame in Resene Rice Paper, with artwork in Resene Grapevine, Resene Harvest Gold, Resene Koru and Resene Half Black White.

Far right: Mat and frame in Resene Harvest Gold, with artwork in Resene Half Black White, Resene Drop Dead Gorgeous, Resene Coconut Ice, Resene Manuka Honey and Resene Grapevine.

- Resene Rice Cake
- Resene Triple Rice Cake
- Resene Eighth Bison Hide
- Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy
- Resene Linen
- Resene Tana
- Resene Triple Lemon Grass
- Resene Duck Egg Blue



Picture perfect

Upcycling old picture frames, or painting new ones to suit your colour scheme, is one of the simplest ways to make good use of Resene testpots. As well as the frame itself you can also use your Resene testpots to paint the surrounding mat for a frame that will really set off your artworks, whether they're DIY or bought, and add a colourful finishing touch to your room.

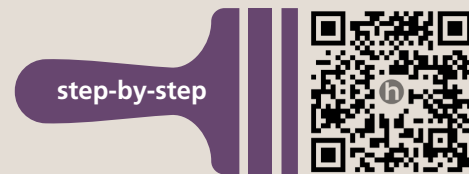
you'll need

- Resene testpots
- Small, good-quality paint brush
- Craft knife, pencil and ruler, if you need to cut your mat to size

how to

Sand your frame down, getting rid of any varnish and leaving it with a smooth finish. Wipe down with a damp cloth. Paint the frame and, if you want, the inner mat, in your chosen Resene testpot colours. Using the ruler, measure your print or photograph and cut the mat to size if needed. Frame up and enjoy your colourful piece of artwork.

For a step-by-step guide to making this project, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/picture-frames.



Entry level design

A simple wooden unit and wall hooks add immediate organisation, and useful seating, to this entry area. It's a look that can easily be achieved inexpensively with Resene testpots. The rear wall is Resene Eighth Bison Hide, with the floor washed in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy. Hook shelf in Resene Tana, bench seat in Resene Quarter Tana, crates in, from left, Resene Rice Cake, Resene Linen and Resene Triple Rice Cake, stool in Resene Triple Lemon Grass and vase in Resene Duck Egg Blue. Scarf from Maman.

top tips for entrance ways

- Maximise vertical space: Install wall-mounted shelves or hooks above a shoe area to store hats, bags and accessories. Using vertical space, like we have with hooks in this space, helps keep the floor clear, creating a sense of openness.
- Use multifunctional furniture: Opt for entryway furniture with built-in storage compartments. A bench with under-seat storage like these crates or a table with drawers provides hidden storage for shoes, reducing visible clutter.



Simple shelves

Adding a little creative flair to practical shelving elevates them from a simply functional way to organise your personal items, to a unique, personalised art piece.

you'll need

- Resene testpots. We used Resene Awash and Resene Half Rivergum
- Pencil and ruler
- Spirit level
- String and drawing pin
- Cutting in brush
- Drill, drill bits and screws

how to


Paint shelves the same shade as your wall. Using the pencil and level, draw where you want your top shelf to be. Work out how much space you want between the shelves and draw another line using your pencil and level. Measure the length of your shelf and find the halfway point. Mark the centre on both of your guidelines. Tie a piece of string to a pencil. Tie as close to the tip as you are able to. Using your centre point, either firmly hold or pin your string in place. Keeping the pencil straight, draw your first semi-circle. Repeat on the second guideline. Using a cutting brush and your Resene testpots, paint inside both semi-circles. Hang shelves and decorate.

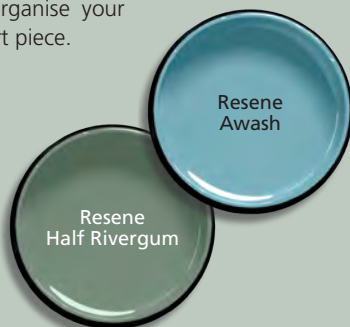
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step-by-step

-  Resene Half Villa White
-  Resene Half Moonbeam
-  Resene Half Joss
-  Resene Frozen
-  Resene Black

Resene Rainee 



Above: Wall painted in Resene Half Villa White, top semi-circle in Resene Awash and lower in Resene Half Rivergum. Yellow items in Resene Half Moonbeam, blue items in Resene Frozen, beige items in Resene Half Joss, tall vase lower right in Resene Rainee, small green items in Resene Half Rivergum and wire ball in Resene Black.

Weekend warriors

Who doesn't love DIY renovation or artistic projects that can be easily finished in a weekend, particularly if they're projects the whole family can get involved in?

Using Resene testpots to add a creative mural to a bedroom or playroom wall, repainting picture frames, upcycling furniture, a powder room feature wall or simply painting an art canvas are all great ways to keep the kids entertained, as well as add personality and colour flair to your home at minimal cost and without taking too much time.

Up and away

Using crates as hanging baskets is a smart, creative way to add storage to this practical but fun mural. Wall in Resene Wan White, floor washed in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy, large balloon and shelf in Resene Boundless, smaller balloon and shelf in Resene Nirvana, balloon ropes in Resene Top Notch, large hanging crate in Resene Rulebreaker, small hanging crate in Resene Lakeside, toy box in Resene Melting Moment, house and small cat ornament in Resene Aoraki, large mason jar in Resene Scrumptious, small jar and pen pot in Resene Divine, large cat in Resene Epitome and box in left balloon in Resene Soft Apple. Stools in Resene Pale Rose, Resene Sugar Plum Fairy, Resene Rulebreaker and Resene Tequila Sunrise. Table in Resene Fluffy Duck. **H**

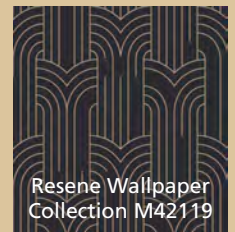
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-  Resene Rulebreaker







projects Sarah Beedell, Annick Larkin, Amanda Montgomerie, Hannah Tapner
images Bryce Carleton



Left: Pastoral greens and yellows in Resene Wallpaper Collection 2311-167-02 create a classic Victorian ornate finish that is then layered with other colours, textures and patterns for an opulent finish. Try this wallpaper design with Resene Half Forest Green, Resene Funk, Resene Soul Searcher, and neutral Resene Half Spanish White. For a slightly deeper version try the same macaw design in blue-green Resene Wallpaper Collection 2311-167-04.



Below: A simple shaped couch in a luxury fabric creates a modern Art Deco finish against the classic arches of Resene Wallpaper Collection M42102. Stain flooring in classic golden Resene Colorwood Oregon. Anchor the look with trims and decor in a soft charcoal like Resene Half Baltic Sea. Put a darker twist on the same pattern with Resene Wallpaper Collection M42119 or modernise another common Art Deco motif, with fans in teal, using Resene Wallpaper Collection A54902.

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|  Resene Half Spanish White |  Resene Yuma |
|  Resene Soul Searcher |  Resene Gold |

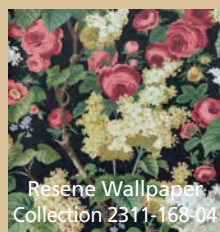
choose your era

Turn wallpaper into a design time machine.

Decorating your interiors based on a theme can be a fun, simple way to create a cohesive look. One of the most straightforward, yet versatile, ways to do that can be choosing a specific design era. And one of the simplest ways to do that is with wallpaper.

Resene wallpapers come in a wide variety of designs, from bold and intricate, to simple and textured, giving you a library of choices when it comes to creating the time period or design era you're after.

Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey's best advice for recreating a classic interior design style in your home, without it slipping into pastiche, is to mix modern with classic. "Try a clean-lined sofa in a fashionable colour against a vintage-style wallpaper in an oversized pattern such as Resene Wallpaper Collection 2311-168-04.



"Bolder patterns look modern regardless of era, but keep the proportions of the room in mind when using a pattern, and keep to a simple colour palette to create a cohesive look."



When it comes to choosing a pattern to suit your space, Meryl says random patterns like florals or botanicals can work well in smaller spaces like powder rooms and transitional areas to make a statement. Large murals work best on larger scale walls so you can step back and see the image clearly, she says.

Design eras to try Victorian

For a sense of opulence that recalls a grand Victorian drawing room, opt for ornate or intricate patterned wallpapers like Resene Wallpaper Collection 2311-169-01. Pair with layers of texture using timber furniture and flooring, luxurious draped textiles and metallic touches.

Victorian design is synonymous with dramatic use of colour. Keep the look fresh and modern with slightly sharper versions of traditional jewel tones like Resene Very Berry or Resene Good To Go, balanced with chalky off-whites like Resene Blanc and glamorous highlights of Resene FX Metallic Gold.

-  Resene Alabaster
-  Resene Wabi Sabi
-  Resene Half Forest Green
-  Resene Blast Grey 3
-  Resene Good To Go
-  Resene Half Baltic Sea
-  Resene Jaguar
-  Resene Paddock
-  Resene Brown Bramble

Art Deco

Crisp lines, balanced by elegant curves, with repeat patterns and sharp metallics define classic Art Deco style. Using a wallpaper that features at least one of these motifs, interpreted in a modern colourway, will help you create an Art Deco backdrop, against which you can build a modern version of the style.

Dark colours contrasted with touches of chrome (try Resene FX Metallic Blast Grey 3) and gold are a common motif of the Art Deco style, as are unexpected colour combinations as can be seen in the subtle accents of Resene Wallpaper Collection A54902. Reflect the wallpaper design by painting accessories and furniture in Resene Boost and Resene Brown Bramble and adding them to your room. Mirrors are another common Art Deco feature and are effective at reflecting light to brighten deeper colours and add the sophistication Art Deco is famed for.

Mid-century modern

Mid-century modern design is all about sleek function and simplicity. There is still room to play with pattern and design but those designs just tend to be more geometric and repetitive than floral and free-form.

Anchor a contemporary mid-century colour palette with earthy shades such as olive greens like Resene Cabbage Pont, burnt oranges like Resene Clockwork Orange and red-hued wood tones like Resene Colorwood Meranti. Punctuate a neutral backdrop with citrusy shades like Resene Tequila Sunrise and subtle greens like Resene Saltpan.



-  Resene Saltpan
-  Resene Tequila Sunrise
-  Resene Clockwork Orange
-  Resene Cabbage Pont
-  Resene Bokara Grey
-  Resene Colorwood Natural
-  Resene Colorwood Oregon
-  Resene Colorwood Dark Oak
-  Resene Colorwood Meranti







Above: Bold geometrics in earthy tones are a classic mid-century design feature, easily achieved with Resene Wallpaper Collection ILA303. Pair it with both light and dark wood stains in Resene Colorwood Natural and Resene Colorwood Dark Oak and small accents of dark Resene Bokara Grey. For a more neutral backdrop try the same pattern in a different palette with Resene Wallpaper Collection ILA302.

Wallpaper is best viewed in person to appreciate the design, details and colour. View a huge range of wallpaper in the wallpaper library at your local Resene ColorShop.

Neutrals for every era

If you don't want to commit to an era-themed wallpaper, keep it simple by opting for a plainer or more neutral design like the subtle texture of Resene Wallpaper Collection M69208 for a millennial blush versatile enough to translate to other design eras.



-  Resene Quarter Rice Cake
-  Resene Eighth Biscotti
-  Resene Double Rice Cake
-  Resene Quarter Drought





top tip

If you have a design period in mind like Art Deco, art nouveau or mid-century modern, but aren't sure where to start, talk to the colour experts at your local Resene ColorShop for advice on the colours and motifs specific to your chosen period.

'90s minimalism

After the pop art brights of the 1980s, the '90s ushered in a calm, sophisticated minimalism that leaned heavily on black and white, with touches of pinky neutrals like Resene Eighth Biscotti. It's a design style that feels very familiar today, though contemporary minimalism allows for layering more earthy neutrals like Resene Quarter Drought and biophilic greens like Resene Wabi Sabi.

Start with a warm neutral, but textured, backdrop on a classic '90s feature wall, in Resene Wallpaper Collection E307338. Paint surrounding walls, trim and the ceiling in white Resene Alabaster, with dark highlights in Resene Jaguar and wood flooring stained in Resene Colorwood Natural. Finish with plenty of greenery and natural textures for softness. H

-  Resene Funk
-  Resene Very Berry
-  Resene Boost
-  Resene Licorice



Above: Opt for a warmer spin on classic white-walled '90s minimalism with parchment-toned Resene Wallpaper Collection 423204 as a feature wall. Layer with crisper whites like Resene Quarter Rice Cake on trims and soften flooring by painting it in Resene Double Rice Cake. Add accessories in a botanical green like Resene Paddock and a dark contrast in Resene Licorice.





Left: For a seamless connection from wall to splashback, paint both in the same Resene colour and have glass installed over the splashback area for extra protection and a gloss contrast. Or choose a tonal variation or a bold contrasting colour for your splashback and ask your supplier to use Resene ArmourX IF 503 to paint the back of your glass ready for installation. This kitchen features a splashback and walls in Resene Half Emerge for a cohesive look.

Below: If you have existing neutral tiles but your room is looking a little dull, you can liven it up by applying an interesting Resene colour above it. Look for colour ideas that are warm and inviting or fresh and optimistic for a quick energy boost when you have a busy day. These walls are painted in Resene High Tea. Projects by Nicole Van Ruler, www.nicolevanruler.com.

style to last

Paint is a durable and user-friendly choice for decorating functional 'wet area' rooms like kitchens, bathrooms and laundries.

In functional areas like kitchens and bathrooms, surfaces need to be durable, wipeable and moisture-proof while looking good and fitting cohesively into your home's overall interior design.











Take care using a lot of hard-to-replace surfaces, such as laminate, melamine or tiles, as chances are your tastes will change in a few years and a makeover can become costly and time-consuming.

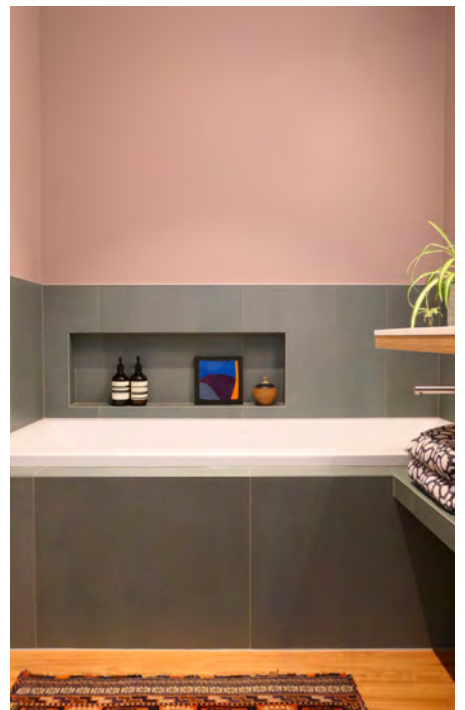
With the right preparation and Resene products, a painted finish is hard-wearing, easier and less expensive to do and simple to update in the future when you feel like a fresh new look.

Function with flair

Bathrooms and kitchens are highly functional places so choosing products with a durable finish, like the Resene Kitchen & Bathroom range of paints is important, but it need not mean you have to cut back on creativity.

For example, try a faux-tile effect painted splashback. Keep it classic and simple with subtle checkerboard squares in Resene Kitchen & Bathroom Lustacryl semi-gloss tinted to Resene Alabaster and Resene Silver Chalice. For a

- Resene Half Sauvignon 
- Resene Half Wan White 
- Resene Pattens Blue 
- Resene Spanish White 
- Resene Half Tea 
- Resene Secrets 
- Resene Half Emerge 
- Resene Silver Chalice 
- Resene High Tea 
- Resene Half Forest Green 



touch more colour try Resene Half Sauvignon as your background with a painted stencilled design in pastel Resene Pattens Blue. Finish your painted splashback with a glass cover for an easy-clean finish and a touch of shine.

If you do choose a tile finish for a functional feature such as a splashback, consider keeping the colour to a classic neutral such as white or off-white. You're less likely to go off the colour over time, avoiding expensive removal. Instead, you can easily and affordably update the walls and cabinetry around the tiles with paint as your tastes change.


You can even paint over old laminate or melamine cabinetry that's looking dated for a simple but highly effective way to update your kitchen or bathroom. Simply clean the surface, then apply one coat of Resene Laminate and Melamine Primer, followed by two coats of your chosen topcoat colour. Finish with new handles.





Above and left: Resene Frozen and Resene White accentuate the ornate tile colours in this compact bathroom, while lending it light without brightness. Project by Megan Toms, www.allaboutkitchens.co.nz.

Right: Low sheen finishes in bathrooms keep them from feeling too cold and glary, as does working with muted, soft colour palettes, given additional brightness with mirrors and lighting. This powder room features walls in Resene Toast. Project by Carlene Duffy, www.cedarandsuede.com.au, image by Mindi Cool.

Resene Pot Pourri 



Resene Toast

top tip

If you want to paint over tiles, take a sample into your local Resene ColorShop to get expert advice on the best paint system for your tile surface. If you don't have a sample, take in a clear photo. Most floor and wall tiles can be painted over once they have been thoroughly cleaned and given a coat of Resene Waterborne Sureseal. Tiles inside your shower aren't suitable for painting.

Consider your colours

A white-on-white colour scheme can be a tempting choice in kitchens and bathrooms, based on the notion it will look crisp and clean. In fact, by using just white, you can end up with a room that feels cold and glary, particularly in a windowless bathroom or toilet, or any room with bright, artificial light.

Using a high-gloss finish can also accentuate glare and harsh light in a bathroom so consider

using Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen Kitchen & Bathroom over most wall surfaces and work with a glossier finish such as Resene Lustacryl Kitchen & Bathroom on trim or accent areas and Resene SpaceCote Flat Kitchen & Bathroom on the ceiling.

Instead of bright white, try a more mid-toned neutral, like Resene Spanish White or Resene Half Tea, or opt for a darker colour like Resene Half Forest Green with a neutral trim in Resene Half Scotch Mist – and use good lighting and mirrors for the brightness you need.

Using shades with warm undertones like mustard yellows, oranges and reds on bathroom walls can make the room feel more humid and a little confined, while sour shades of green can be quite unflattering under some artificial lights. On the other hand, darker shades can be more forgiving of splashes and marks.

Try subtler, fresher colours like Resene Frozen, Resene Wax Flower, Resene Secrets or Resene Pot Pourri, and bring bolder colour into your room with accessories like towels, bathmats and soap dispensers. **H**

-  Resene Alabaster
-  Resene Wax Flower
-  Resene Half Scotch Mist
-  Resene Frozen



If you're using a brighter or darker colour in your wet area that isn't available in the core kitchen and bathroom range, ask Resene ColorShop staff to add Resene MouldDefender to your paint for extra protection.

Top tips

Resene Biscay 

Resene Paint Expert Jay Sharples says the main factors to consider with painted surfaces in wet areas like kitchens, bathrooms and laundries, are temperature, air flow and humidity. His top tips to tackle these are:

- Treat surfaces to be painted with Resene Moss & Mould Killer and clean surfaces before painting with Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner.
- Prepare plasterboard with Resene Sureseal (waterborne or solventborne) to protect against moisture.
- Protect surfaces with the Resene Kitchen & Bathroom range with added anti-bacterial silver and the mould protection of MouldDefender.
- Avoid long hot showers for seven days after painting. If you can't use an alternate shower, limit shower time and carefully wipe walls to remove excess moisture.
- Check you have adequate ventilation in your bathroom to avoid moisture buildup.



design savvy

As a reno expert with more than 10 years in the construction sector, Jen Jones has the tips and tricks up her sleeve to transform any space.

What is the best piece of advice you'd offer those renovating?

Don't underestimate the value of the planning phases. Doing that work upfront can make the difference between blowing out your budget or not. If you've never renovated before – or if the market has changed since you last did – it can be difficult to ascertain what it will take to complete the works, or what the associated cost or compliance might be. This can only be fully understood when fleshing out the scope and ensuring everything is captured in your budget.

What drew you to a career in renovation and design?

My career started in infrastructure and 'major projects', but it was only when developing a property of my own, while trying to hold down a full-time job and complete my Master's Degree, that I realised there was a gap in the market for homeowner support in the reno sector. Managing a project takes a lot of time and if you're working full-time (including as a stay-at-home parent) you're probably a bit time-poor.

I've had the privilege of working alongside some of New Zealand's best designers. Although not a designer myself, I have a huge appreciation for what design can do, which led me to establish Auckland Design Week.

Do you have a favourite project you have worked on?

I thoroughly enjoyed renovating my own home. It was an unexpected renovation post floods and cyclone (we were impacted by both), and I had my toughest client yet – my husband! He works in project control so you can imagine how fun that was for me! I applied a sustainability lens to the project, experimenting

with new products I had often recommended but hadn't had personal experience of using yet.

What are your favourite Resene colours?

I've always been drawn to warmer autumnal colours – some of my favourites from Resene include Resene Monarch, Resene Clam Shell, Resene Double Lemon Grass, Resene Tuscany and Resene Crail. On the spectrum of whites, my go-to is Resene Sea Fog, which I think is the perfect 'greige'.

What do you look forward to seeing in future colour and design trends?

Never fond of the white-on-white aesthetic, I'm hopeful that – as we move away from that – it doesn't come back around! I think neutral palettes have their place, but swapping out a white for even a subtle greige will make a room feel less






stark. Homeowners often add 'boldness' through artwork, furniture and decor that showcases vibrant choices in colour, pattern and materiality; but perhaps forget that the most sustainable purchase is one you'll hold onto for years to come. It's a lot easier to change a wall colour than a couch colour! I hope to see more experimentation with colour and pattern throughout applications of paint and wallpaper.

What is your favourite part of Auckland Design Week?

Auckland Design Week (ADW) is all about creating a platform for change, for facilitating collaboration and encouraging conversation, while supporting our local design community. Our design community contains some of the most innovative and resourceful people there are and I firmly believe all sectors can learn from design. Facilitating that and the cross-discipline collaboration are my favourite parts of ADW – bringing people together and sparking new ideas. It's also why you don't want to miss out on attending!

Jen Jones owns www.renovatewithjenjones.com, and is the director of Auckland Design Week, www.aucklanddesignweek.com, which is back in March.



-  Resene Sea Fog
-  Resene Crail
-  Resene Clam Shell
-  Resene Monarch
-  Resene Tuscany

Left: For a white with more depth, try one of Jen's favourites, Resene Sea Fog, which she says is the perfect 'greige'. This neutral is paired with warm fabrics in hues similar to Jen's favourites – Resene Tuscany, Resene Monarch and Resene Crail. Image by Michelle Weir.



get decorating



Try out your favourite colours

Resene testpots are the best way to try out your colour choices. They're available from your Resene ColorShop or reseller or you can order online at shop.resene.com/testpots.

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Above: Add depth to your room space by creating a painted mural feature wall. We used Resene Destiny, Resene Rainee, Resene Chamois, Resene Bali Hai, Resene Spanish Green and Resene Sugar Loaf painted over Resene Hermitage. Front stepped wall painted in Resene Destiny, skirting boards front and back in Resene Dark Slate, basket with blanket and large book in Resene Gun Powder, tall cylinder vase in Resene Santos Grey, vase with tulips in Resene Dark Slate, triangle vase in Resene Bali Hai, medium book in Resene Rainee, small milk bottle vase in Resene Chamois, bowl planter, plate and book on side table in Resene Sugar Loaf and small round dish in Resene Spanish Green. Floorboards in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy.

project Moneuan Ryan **mural** Hannah Tapner **image** Bryce Carleton

- Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy
- Resene Hermitage
- Resene Santos Grey
- Resene Chamois
- Resene Bali Hai
- Resene Dark Slate
- Resene Sugar Loaf
- Resene Spanish Green
- Resene Gun Powder

Below: The Resene Eco.Decorator programme is a great place to find environmentally responsible painters to do the painting for you like Johnny Warwick, from Profile Painters, who you might recognise from MasterStroke by Resene videos.

Find your local Resene Eco.Decorator, www.ecodecorator.co.nz.

top tip

Grab your free decorating manual from your local Resene ColorShop or online.

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Resene Tiri

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