

# MasterStroke

by Resene

## Get your home ready for winter!

- Cosy up your interiors
- Easy ways to wallpaper
- How to co-ordinate colours

Make your own wainscoting

Refresh your rooms with wallpaper

**Resene**  
the paint the professionals use

Your handy guide to decorating in the cooler months

### Expert advice

- Home cleaning hacks
- Top wood stain tips



### Be inspired

- What's trending
- Seasonal must-dos



### DIY projects

- Cute kids' furniture
- Fun for the family



## DIY ideas

# Cool creativity

Easy and affordable paint projects to enjoy during cold autumn and winter weekends.

### 1 Declutter and colour

After you've rearranged your clothing for winter – swapping swimsuits for socks and scarves – give your varnished drawers a refresh with fresh coats of Resene paint. Sand and wipe away sanding dust, then apply a coat of Resene Waterborne Sureseal, followed by two coats of Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel. A furniture makeover is often a better option than buying new. These drawers are painted in Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss in Resene Seachange.



### 2 Starry eyed surprise

Create a fun surprise on your kid's bedroom ceiling by painting stars using Resene FX Nightlight. This waterborne glow-in-the-dark paint is designed to shine after the lights have gone out and is pale yellow by day. Simply paint two or three coats of Resene FX Nightlight over a white basecoat, such as Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen, for the best effect. The paint glows brightest when the lights are first turned out so your child has something to look at as they go to sleep, then gradually wanes.



### 3 Doormat dazzle

Instantly transform your front entrance with this super simple checkerboard update. Place a plain coir mat onto a drop cloth, then decide on the size of the squares you want and use masking tape to mark them. Apply Resene testpot paint evenly to alternate squares, making sure to stay within the lines (we used Resene Smoky Green). Remove the tape once the paint has dried. You could also paint your own welcome message or fun design. Be sure to allow the paint to dry completely before using.



### 4 Skirt the issue

While it may seem like a rather mundane task, you won't believe the difference that painting your skirting boards will have on the look of your space. Make sure you mask them off properly to avoid splatters, then clean with Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner. Use a small oval or flat-edged brush to apply a waterborne enamel like Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss or Resene Enamacryl gloss, which are ideal for skirting boards as they're durable and easy to clean.

### 5 Chalk it up

There's no better place than the inside of your pantry or the front of your fridge to add a lick of Resene FX Chalkboard Paint. It's a creative and practical way to add some personality to your storage space, plus the low sheen finish means it's perfect for writing lists, labelling and organising. It's important to clean and prepare the surface properly before painting with Resene FX Chalkboard Paint. You can get it tinted to a Resene colour that will work in with your kitchen's existing colour palette, or you can use Resene FX Blackboard Paint for a black chalkboard.



### 6

### Wonder wall

Wallpaper can bring just the right level of drama, texture and tone to a room. The new Resene Fashion for Walls Wallpaper Collection allows you to turn your walls into works of art and seriously bring your spaces to life. Head into your local Resene ColorShop to look through the huge range of Resene wallpaper books for more inspiration.



Resene Alabaster

Resene Black White

Resene Smoky Green

Resene Seachange

This guide has general information for a range of projects – check with Resene ColorShop or reseller staff for advice for your project. Colours shown are a representation only. Please refer to the actual paint or product sample before making your final choice.

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Choose Resene White or Resene Alabaster for a fresh white door finish.



## Who's the gloss

Fans of Resene Super Gloss paint will love new plant-based Resene Waterborne Super Gloss. It provides the gleam and high gloss finish of the original, with much lower VOCs (volatile organic compounds). It's ideal for those who like a little more time to apply paint, and it's initially available in white and all your favourite Resene colours off-white.

Available from Resene ColorShops and selected resellers.



Resene La Palma curtain in Naturalle. Wall painted in Resene Outlaw.

## Need to know

# What's new

Get inspired by these new and trending Resene products to transform both the inside and outside of your home.

## Check mate!

Bring a classic gingham moment to your bedroom with this Rhodes duvet from the Resene Living range. The yarn-dyed cotton promises comfort as well as quality and comes in two shades inspired by Resene Flax and Resene Nepal. You can complete the look by styling with matching European pillowcases.

Available from Briscoes.

Wall painted in Resene Biscotti and Resene FX Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Quarter Biscotti.



## On the tools

Keen gardeners across the country have added a splash of colour to their tool kits with items from the Resene Grow range. This popular collection of watering cans, tools

and gloves are finished in uplifting Resene colours and have been designed for durability and comfort.

Available from Mitre 10, Nichol's, Kings Plant Barn and selected Oderings and Palmers stores.



## Winter wise

Paint application and performance can be adversely affected in cold temperatures, but using Resene Wintergrade Additive will help your paint cure at temperatures as low as 3°C. It can be added into a range of Resene waterborne paints to winterise them. It now comes in a new handy 250ml size.

Available from Resene ColorShops and selected resellers.

## Hang tough

Give your room the finishing touch with complementary curtains. The right soft furnishings can really pull your look together. The Resene Curtain Collection is designed to work with popular Resene colours, to help take the guesswork out of your decision making.

Available from selected curtain specialists and Resene ColorShops.

Resene Flax

Resene Resolution Blue

Resene Outlaw

Resene All Black



Resene Bird Walk decal in Resene Resolution Blue.

## Wall to wall

Add flair to bare walls with the Resene wall decal collection. They come in popular Resene colours and a huge range of designs – from flora and fauna to stamps and iconic phrases.

Decals are made in New Zealand and are available to order from Resene ColorShops.

Visit [www.resene.com/walld decals](http://www.resene.com/walld decals) to view the range online and order at Resene ColorShops.

## Ask an expert

# Insider tips



Resene Paint Expert Murdo Shaw shares his advice for painting during winter.

**What can we do to prepare our homes for winter?** Get ahead of winter moss, mould and slippery paths by using Resene Deep Clean on your decks, paths, driveways and perpetually green, slimy areas. It works slowly over time, killing moss, mould and lichen, and will stop those areas becoming a problem later. In winter, by the time we notice things are becoming green and slippery, it can often be too wet to deal with.

**Best winter painting tip?** Plan ahead and don't try to do too much in one day! Everything's going to take longer to dry – fillers, primers, sealers and even walls you've washed. Break your project into smaller parts and try to do a few steps in the days leading up to when you plan to paint, so your painting day isn't spent waiting for things to dry.

**What's your favourite project to do over winter?** Interior painting and wallpapering are easy and when the weather is bad, prepping surfaces inside is a good way to keep busy. For outdoor projects I like small jobs that I can finish in a day, like washing surfaces or redecorating outdoor furniture.

For more advice on winter painting, visit [www.masterstrokebyresene.com/winter-painting](http://www.masterstrokebyresene.com/winter-painting)

Learn more



**Need help?** Visit your local Resene ColorShop or reseller. Ask a Resene Paint Expert free online at [www.resene.com/paintexpert](http://www.resene.com/paintexpert) or ask a Resene Colour Expert at [www.resene.com/colourexpert](http://www.resene.com/colourexpert). Keen to refresh your home but need help with the painting? Use the free Find-A-Painter service at [www.resene.com/findapainter](http://www.resene.com/findapainter) or ask at your local Resene ColorShop.



Resene Mata Hari Wallpaper Collection 37901-5. Trims painted in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Quarter Alabaster.

## Wallpaper

# Pattern power

Wallpaper is an inspired, modern way to bring your spaces to life and create ambiance. Here's how to prep, paint and hang wallpaper in your home.



### What you'll need

- Resene drop cloth
- Ladder
- Wallpaper paste
- Wallpaper size
- Rubber press roller or a wallpaper brush
- Straight edge
- Craft knife
- Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner
- Resene EzyFill Quick
- Sandpaper
- Resene Waterborne Sureseal pigmented sealer
- Resene paste-the-wall wallpaper
- Clean lint-free rags
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Plumblineline or laser level
- Roller sleeve
- Bucket



new wallpaper. Paint the highest areas first, such as the ceiling, then work your way down to windows and doors, finishing with the skirting boards and floor.

### Size it up

Next, apply a coat of wallpaper size. This product adds extra grip for the wallpaper paste and makes wallpaper super easy to work with, enabling you to line

### Clean and fill

If you're wallpapering a painted wall, give the surface a really good clean first with Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner. Then fill any cracks or holes with Resene EzyFill Quick, wait for it to dry, then sand the patches down and wipe away sanding dust with a damp cloth.

### Seal the deal

Whether the wall is painted or not, it needs to be sealed with Resene Waterborne Sureseal pigmented sealer. On painted walls, this product aids wallpaper adhesion, and on unpainted walls it prevents wallpaper paste from being absorbed into the plaster and creates a consistent surface. Once cured, sand with 80-grit sandpaper and wipe down with a clean, damp cloth.

### Time to paint

If you're painting areas like the ceiling, joinery and trims, now would be the time to do so to avoid damaging any

up patterns with ease. Mix it up in a bucket and apply it to the wall using a large brush.

### Line work

The secret weapon to getting straight wallpaper is to use a plumblineline. This handy tool is simply a line with a weighted plumb attached to the end to determine the vertical on an upright surface. Use a pencil to mark a line to help you line up your wallpaper pieces.

### Paste control

Apply wallpaper paste to the wall using a roller. Aim to get it about 2mm thick, which is the right amount for wallpaper to stick to properly. You can check you've applied the right amount by making a 'z' pattern in the paste with your finger.

### Hang the paper

Place the wallpaper roll on the ground and, holding the end of the paper, unfurl it up towards the ceiling. Line up the wallpaper along your pencil marks and use your hands to move it into place. Use a rubber press roller to smooth the wallpaper. Use your hand to feel for any bubbles and roll until they're flat. Use a straight edge tool and a sharp knife to trim the excess paper at the top and bottom of the wall. Repeat until your wall is covered, then use a damp sponge to remove any stray paste. Take your time and be patient!

### View from the top

There are a few product options for painting your ceiling. Find out which will suit your project best.

**Resene Ceiling Paint** is a waterborne paint with a flat finish that can be used in dry areas only. It's cost-effective and is available in the larger 10-litre pails. It can be used as white or tinted to your favourite off-white Resene paint colours.



**Resene SpaceCote Flat** is a durable flat finish waterborne enamel, which can be used in both dry and wet areas. It's available in a wide range of bases, meaning you can get it tinted to darker and bright colours if you want to go bold on your ceiling. Resene SpaceCote Flat is ideal for areas like stairwells that have critical light issues, where a low sheen may highlight too many imperfections.

**Resene SpaceCote Flat Fly Deterrent** is a variation of the above, but is formulated to

discourage flies from landing and resting on painted ceilings (without harming or killing them), which minimises dark fly spots on ceilings.



For more wallpapering advice visit your local Resene ColorShop or reseller, or visit [www.masterstrokebyresene.com/wallpaper-faqs](http://www.masterstrokebyresene.com/wallpaper-faqs).

## Wallpaper and paint matching

Make your paper pop by painting your trims, ceiling and door in a complementary Resene paint colour.

### Order, order

Choose a wallpaper before finalising the paint colour. If it's a highly detailed wallpaper, then it's best to pull the paint colour from the main background colour. If it's a wallpaper with a large print or pattern, then you can pull a colour from the detail to inspire your Resene paint colour.

### Pull the hue

If you have a plain wallpaper with little pattern, seek out its accent hues to match the paint. This will bring out the interest in the wallpaper and add personality to the room. It can be more challenging with a plainer wallpaper to select a complementary paint colour, but it'll be there. It's a matter of sitting the wallpaper swatch

up in a room and glancing over at it for a few days until the accent colour makes itself apparent. If you're stuck, head to your local Resene ColorShop and the team will be happy to help!

### Go large

Be sure to test your potential paint colour on a large scale. It's best to paint out a large swatch on a piece of A2 card using a Resene testpot, leaving a white border around the edge to isolate the colour, or order an A4 drawdown paint swatch from your local Resene ColorShop. It's important when pairing paint with wallpaper to look at it in a larger size to get a true sense of how the colour will look.

**Top tip: Elevate your space even further by adding custom-made wainscoting to the lower part of your walls. Start by marking out squares on the wall with pencil, then cut timber mouldings at 45-degree angles before gluing them onto the wall piece by piece to create the squares. Prime your wainscoting with Resene Quick Dry before painting in your favourite Resene colour.**

Dining room wallpapered in Resene Eden Wallpaper Collection M37311, ceiling painted in Resene SpaceCote Flat in Resene Quarter Black White, wainscoting in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Black White and doors and trims in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Black White.



Zeph's room is wallpapered in Resene Golden Age Wallpaper Collection 10107062 and door and trims painted in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Black White.



## Roll with it!

Demo to Reno's Christina Dellar shares what she loves most about using Resene wallpaper in her home.

**What's your best tip for choosing wallpaper?** It's like being in a candy store! It's truly about what jumps out at you. I think with wallpaper you just pick what you love.

**What do you love about Resene wallpaper?** The range is massive! The problem wasn't finding what we wanted, but rather narrowing it down.

**What are your best tips for wallpapering a room?** Watch every single video Resene has made... and then watch again. Talk to the Resene ColorShop team because they have great tips. And lastly, just take your time.

To follow Christina and Tyge's home renovation journey, visit [www.masterstrokebyresene.com/demo-to-reno](http://www.masterstrokebyresene.com/demo-to-reno).



### Best tips for choosing patterns?

We love the idea that wallpaper can break the rules. So often colour and bold patterns that you don't think will work somehow do. We're big fans of bold and bright wallpaper for small rooms.

**Talk us through Zeph's room and the dining room.** For Zeph's room I wanted a lighter blue because the stripe would bring the wow factor. It turned out better than we thought! And the dining room was a full vision I had of how I wanted the room to feel. I saw that wallpaper at the Resene ColorShop and instantly knew it was the one.

### Get inspired

## Resene wallpaper collections to try



Resene Stories of Life Wallpaper Collection 39653-2.



Resene Stories of Life Wallpaper Collection 39659-2.



Resene Aquila Wallpaper Collection ILA303.

Wallpapers are best seen in person. View the full wallpaper collection at your local Resene ColorShop.

Clean up

# Play it safe



Staying on top of your home maintenance not only keeps things looking fresh but creates a safe and healthy living environment. Resene has you covered when it comes to handy products to clean and protect your surfaces, both inside and out.

## Refresh and renew

Resene Paint Prep and Housewash is a powerful and highly efficient way to get surfaces ready for painting or to give your home an annual refresh. A regular cleaning cycle will keep your house looking great and will extend the life of your paintwork. Dilute the cleaner following the instructions on the pack, scrub vigorously using a nylon bristle broom or brush, then rinse with plenty of clean water for an instantly fresher surface. Make sure you

do all this on an overcast day – if it's too sunny the surface will dry too quickly and leave streaks on your house.

## Deep impact

Resene Deep Clean is your saving grace when it comes to cleaning slippery paths, driveways, patios, decks and all of your exterior paintwork. It breaks down contaminants all by itself – once you've applied it, nature does the job for you. Use it twice a year on concrete and timber surfaces to keep them looking good. Dilute according to the instructions, then spray or brush it on. Leave it on and it will keep working by itself in the natural elements to give you a cleaner surface.

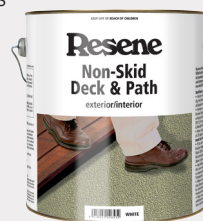


## So fresh so clean

Resene Interior Paintwork Cleaner is an amazing interior all-rounder and blitzes marks and dirt in a flash. It won't dull the colour of your paint and won't form a film, meaning you don't need to rinse the surface. It's also the first step in any interior paint job to prepare the surface properly. Simply spray onto the surface and wipe with a damp cloth.

## Break the mould

Kill all manner of green stuff with Resene Moss & Mould Killer. Mould can be a major cause of paint disfigurement and can shorten the life of your paintwork – plus it's incredibly dangerous on decks and paths as it's so slippery. Saturate the whole area with a brush or garden sprayer, taking care to keep it off any plants. Then leave it for 48 hours before washing it off thoroughly.



Black mould is common inside homes with poor ventilation or even in newer homes if you leave all the windows shut. Mould can damage paintwork and the surface beneath it. Resene Moss & Mould Killer to the rescue once again – be sure to open windows to help with ventilation. For extra protection long-term, consider painting wet areas and windowsills with Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen Kitchen & Bathroom (walls) and Resene Lustacryl Kitchen & Bathroom (trims), which contain anti-bacterial silver and Resene MoulDefender to help protect against mould.

## Get a grip

To create a safer surface, mix Resene Anti-Slip Grip Additive into your paint when painting outdoor areas and stairs. It's ideal to add to Resene Walk-on. If you'd rather use a pre-mixed grit product, Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path has a textured finish that's designed to provide a safe walking surface inside and out where a non-skid finish is desired, and it can be tinted to suit your aesthetic. It has a

comfortable texture to give feet and shoes something to grip on to, reducing the risk of accidents. Rated five stars in the Consumer NZ test of anti-slip finishes.



## Dry your tears

Condensation is a serious concern during winter, with moisture turning to mould on many surfaces. These mould spores can cause minor and major health issues, as well as gradually destroying your home and possessions. Here are some tips to reduce moisture in your home:

- Open doors and windows on fine days so air can circulate through your home.
- Lift curtains and pull furniture back away from walls to create space for air flow.
- Ensure curtains extend right to the floor and include a separate thermal/blockout fabric layer, like those offered in the Resene Curtain Collection.
- Air your mattresses and pillows in the sun to dry any residual moisture.
- In kitchens and bathrooms, use the Resene Kitchen & Bathroom paint range which has anti-bacterial silver protection and MoulDefender mould inhibitor.
- Open windows or use an extractor fan when showering. Leave it on for at least 30 minutes afterwards with the door closed to remove moist air.
- Mop up any condensation on windows or sills straight away.

Learn more



## Interiors

# The stain game

Interior wood stains are a great way to showcase timber features in your home. Equal parts contemporary and comforting, the natural warmth of wood is an homage to nature and brings the outside in.

### Why stain?

Interior stains don't just rejuvenate and enhance interior timber by showing off the timber grain, they protect it from UV, water and mould damage, as well as everyday wear and tear. Interior timber surfaces are usually overcoated with a clear finish for further protection (some timbers can be very porous, meaning even dirty fingers can leave marks). This coating also makes the timber super easy to dust and wipe clean.

Resene Breathe Easy

Resene Light Greywash

Resene Mid Greywash

Resene Dark Oak

### Interior vs exterior stain

These are formulated differently, with weather resistance being the key difference. For exterior projects like weatherboards, decks, fences and furniture, use Resene Woodsman. For interior doors, floors, feature walls, trims and joinery, use Resene Colorwood. It's available in a range of natural shades as well as vibrant colours, it has a low odour and can be easily applied with a brush and the excess wiped off with a cloth. However, if you've fallen in love with a Resene Woodsman exterior stain colour, it can be tinted into Resene Colorwood interior stain.

### Extra protection

Resene Colorwood is usually overcoated with Resene Aquaclear or Resene Qristal

Clear on walls, trims and furniture or Resene Qristal ClearFloor on floors. Even when you've opted for a natural look, it's still good to apply Resene Colorwood first before applying a clear topcoat. While clear topcoats do protect timber from dust and everyday wear and tear, they still let light pass through and can't prevent UV light from attacking the surface of the wood. The tint in Resene Colorwood helps block some of the UV light to provide more protection than a clear finish.

### Gloss levels

You can vary the sheen level on different surfaces if you wish



For more about interior wood stains, visit your local Resene ColorShop or reseller or head to [www.masterstrokebyresene.com/interior-stains](http://www.masterstrokebyresene.com/interior-stains).

This bespoke timber feature wall is stain washed with Resene Colorwood in Resene Breathe Easy.

and some are more appropriate for certain parts of your home. A gloss finish will be easiest to clean and best for high-traffic areas, while a flat finish will give the most natural matte look.

### Stain preparation

As stain is semi-transparent, any residual marks or blemishes on the surface will be visible in the finished job. Make sure the surface is sanded to remove any imperfections, and always sand with the grain of the timber. Brush or vacuum away all the sanding dust, and finally wipe down bare timber or old varnish with a tack cloth.

**Top tip: For a light, on-trend look, try Resene Colorwood Whitewash – the Resene Colorwood We Speak Beach range is also an excellent option. These stain colour washes sit more on the surface of the wood than a stain, but still allow the grain of the timber to show through.**

### Interior staining application tips

- Dampen the surface by spraying a light mist of clean water onto the timber to reduce absorbency.
- Be careful not to use old brushes or rollers with dried-out paint embedded in the bristles, and always pour your stain into a paint tray or pot to avoid potential contamination of the whole container.
- Resene Colorwood wood stain should remain wet before wiping off the excess. Ensure the stain is applied evenly – the longer the stain is left on the surface, the deeper the colour will be. Take care to avoid lap marks as these will make your finish look uneven.
- Wipe the surface using a clean cloth to remove excess stain and have extra cloths handy to replace saturated cloths as you go.
- Leave Resene Colorwood to dry before overcoating with a Resene clear finish. Interior stains left uncoated have no resistance to blemishes like watermarks or coffee cup stains.
- Refresh old yellowed and varnished surfaces with Resene Colorwood Whitewash – simply clean the surface and apply on top. No stripping needed.

Learn more



## DIY projects

# Child's play



Walls in Resene Botanica Wallpaper Collection 33954 and 33963, wardrobes and shelves painted in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Soul Searcher, craft desk in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Cashmere and desk stool in Resene Lola. Below: Caleb Pearson built this craft desk for his daughter's perfectly pink bedroom.

If you've got a budding chef or aspiring artist in your family, these practical weekend projects will help them step up and get creative – they can even pitch in and help with the painting.

### Build a craft desk

Little creatives will love this cool desk, which has plenty of handy storage for keeping pens, pencils and paper tucked away tidily. It's made from MDF and sturdy pine, with a two-part lid that makes it easy to access for small hands. This one is painted in Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel in Resene Cashmere, a dusty coral pink, but you can

take your little buddy into your local Resene ColorShop or reseller and give them free reign when it comes to colour selection. Resene Lustacryl is the perfect choice for the desk – its semi-gloss finish makes it pop in a bedroom or playroom, plus the Eco Choice-approved paint is super easy to keep clean.



### Top tips for a kid's desk

- Paint a section of the lid in Resene FX Blackboard Paint or Resene FX Chalkboard Paint so your child can draw on it using chalk.
- Higher sheen finishes are easier to wipe clean. Use Resene

Lustacryl, or Resene Enamacryl gloss for a higher sheen.

- Use a bold Resene colour or wallpaper inside the desk for a fun surprise.
- If you prefer a more natural look, stain your timber with Resene Colorwood and finish with Resene Aquaclear.
- You can create a craft desk for outdoor play too. Finish it in Resene Lustacryl to protect it outside, or use Resene Woodsman for a stained finish.



For more detailed instructions and to watch the how-to video, visit [www.masterstrokebyresene.com/craft-desk](http://www.masterstrokebyresene.com/craft-desk).

Step-by-step



Art Green painted this step in Resene Lustacryl in Resene Alabaster. Below: Benchtop in Resene Uracryl 402 in Resene Alabaster and cabinetry in Resene Lustacryl Kitchen & Bathroom in Resene Green Spring.

### Make a kid's step

While patience levels can sometimes be tested, having your kids 'help' in the kitchen from an early age is a great way to instil a love of food and cooking and foster independence. If they're not quite tall enough to reach the

benchtop, building this simple step will allow them to get involved with ease. The structure is made from pine and given a modern, professional-looking finish with a coating of Resene Lustacryl in Resene Alabaster. Resene Lustacryl is the perfect option as it's hard-wearing, durable and can be easily wiped clean. Adding rubber feet to the base of each of the legs also ensures the step won't slide around on the kitchen floor. As well as budding chefs, these steps make a great addition to your bathroom to help little ones get up to the basin to brush their teeth by themselves.



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For more detailed instructions and to watch the how-to video, visit [www.masterstrokebyresene.com/kids-step](http://www.masterstrokebyresene.com/kids-step).