



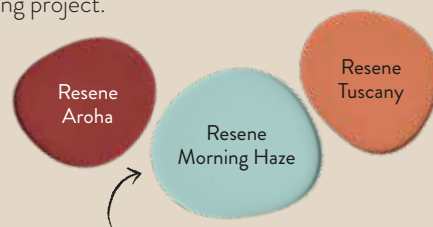
As something of an experiment, I made a concerted effort over the past few months to do all the 'right things'. I spent time outside nearly every day getting my steps in and prioritised cooking good food at home, drinking enough water and sleeping in an attempt to follow through on everything we've been told are the bare basics of maintaining our mental and physical health (and it still somehow feels like bragging).

But when you combine all those things with a standard workday (which I'm sure very few *BlackWhite* readers actually adhere to), there was simply no time left for anything else. As soon as I added in an additional errand or task – even something as simple as lending a friend a helping hand, never mind providing care to dependants – something else had to drop off the table. Even if I could fight off scrolling through social media channels and keeping my content consumption in check, there were always groceries to get, rooms to clean, laundry to fold, phone calls to make and emails left to send. It was usually the moment when I finally shut down my computer at the end of a particularly long day when the same recurring thought would strike me, “*when did our lives get so complicated?*”

Designers, architects, builders, painters, property managers, facility managers, students – we're all busy people who work hard because we are fiercely passionate about what we do. But we know that our clients are also busy people, and we never stop wanting to help make their lives a bit easier even if it means adding something else to our already full plates. Luckily, we have Resene looking out for us and continuously developing innovative products that can save us time and deliver exactly the look we're after. And while we can't magically make more hours in the day, *BlackWhite* is here to offer our support with plenty of inspiring new Resene colour palettes, brilliant projects and tips and tricks to help you jumpstart your next decorating project.

Happy reading,

Laura Lynn Johnston
Editor



My top three trending colour picks
from the latest Resene fashion range:



At Resene, we believe that the best design outcomes are the result of collaboration. Our team of specification experts across New Zealand and Australia is dedicated to working closely with architects, designers and decorators to provide tailored solutions. From selecting the perfect colours and finishes to addressing technical challenges, we are here to support you every step of the way.

Having recently celebrated our 14th Resene Total Colour Awards in style in conjunction with New Zealand Fashion Week, it is evident that, in the world of architecture, design and decorating, creativity knows no bounds. Architects, designers and painters continually push the envelope, seeking new ways to transform spaces and create environments that resonate with people's emotions and aspirations. We understand that your projects are unique, and so are the requirements that accompany them; that's why we take the time to understand your vision and work with you to find the ideal solution.

With design comes conscious decision making. In today's environmentally conscious world, sustainable design is no longer a luxury – it's a necessity. At Resene, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact by providing architects, designers and decorators with a large range of eco-friendly options. As the design industry continues to strive for excellence, Resene will continue to innovate, inspire and provide high-quality sustainable coatings with a wow factor that will impress you and your clients.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *BlackWhite*. Here's to sustainable product choices and creative expression!

Enjoy,

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