Welcome home

15 IDEAS TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE

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Resene waterborne enamels are ideal for doors, trim and joinery around your home to freshen it up and keep it looking good long after they have been applied. Choose from Resene Enamacryl gloss or Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss in a wide range of Resene colours, only from Resene.
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EXPERT OPINION
NADIA SAKKE, interior designer at The House Doctor, talks entrance design
The entrance to your home can have a profound effect on your mood every time you return at the end of the day. A bright, clean and uncluttered entrance sets a welcoming tone, while an entryway that is dark, restrictive and cluttered is oppressive. In Feng Shui principles the beneficial energy, Chi, needs to flow freely through the house so an open and spacious entrance foyer is preferable. However, not all houses are blessed with lots of open space at the front door. Our much-loved villas offer spatial challenges when it comes to the entrance and hallways. It’s not always possible to knock down walls and open up the foyer, but equally an entry that opens immediately onto a narrow hallway gives an unwelcoming impression. Counteract the closed-in effect by painting the walls in light colours and use bright accents to draw the eye into your home, such as inviting paintings placed down the hallway. Reflect natural light by placing a mirror at the entrance. An attractive, modern chandelier can help a gloomy entrance become warm and inviting. A simple coat/hat rack offers visitors a place to deposit coats. Keep your entrance and hallway free of clutter and remember a bright, clean and clear entrance is always welcoming to guests.

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### Gallery Space

If you are lucky enough to have a large entrance space consider hanging some favourite artworks that you can see as soon as you open the door. You can also group collections.

### Potted Plants

Plants are equally important in making an inviting entranceway. They help create an attractive transition between your home’s outdoors and interior and will provide a strong sense of arrival.

### Mirror Mirror

Reflect natural light into a dark hallway and provide somewhere for guests to check hair and makeup on arrival. Keep an eye on proportion and avoid mirrors that are too big or small. Also consider the shape that suits the architectural space best.

### Print & Pattern

Papier one wall with a bright, bold wallpaper is an easy and fun way to lift a space. You can use complementary colours on the other walls. Just remember to keep other furnishings simple and sleek, otherwise the space will look confused and cluttered for you and your visitors.

### Expert Opinion

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Creating an area that welcomes the outside in is worth spending extra time and effort on. An area free of clutter, incorporating neutral colours and good natural or artificial lighting can achieve a welcoming environment at a modest cost. Console tables add to the decorative dynamic of the area, and if the area is small a mirror can give the impression of space. Likewise a piece of art can create a more unique and welcoming environment. Practical details such as a floor that can handle wet, muddy shoes, coats or umbrellas is essential and wood and tiled floors are an easy option. It does not take much to make this area inviting and welcoming.

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