

Rebuilding this 1960s solid masonry home took 20 months. The rebuild proved a challenge as it had been poorly built originally and major reconstruction was required. The brief from the new owners was to maintain character but to enhance the home with a modern high end finish. A classic, elegant look was requested with a neutral, timeless colour palette.

The cue for colour is taken from the strong architectural lines of the house and the coastal location on the Bucklands Beach peninsula. Ensuring the house doesn't compete with its environment emphasis was placed on the use of texture and shadows rather than applied colour.

Opting for an unconventional finish of smooth solid plaster on interior walls keeps the house honest to its masonry construction. The main exterior colour selected is Resene Half Thorndon Cream, therefore using Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream inside ensured the solid nature of the walls are emphasised.

Accent colours are added with oak cabinetry in bathrooms and kitchen. Keeping the oak honest to its natural colour a light stain is applied complementing warm colours from the natural limestone tiles.

Emphasis on texture is again highlighted in the kitchen, with a high gloss finish

of Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream on kitchen cabinets contrasting with the matt textured walls and the soft accent of the oak cabinets.

The subtle introduction of wallpaper (Resene GLAM 724 776) applied inside wardrobes and cupboards, gives a soft, luxury feel, a reminder of days gone by when luxury leather travel trunks were lined with beautiful wallpapers.

At the entry to the house a cedar front door has been stained with Resene Iroko, providing a soft contrast to the Resene Thorndon Cream both inside and out, thus the front door stands out providing a warm welcome to this now luxury home.















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Resene Double Pravda, Resene Iroko,
Resene Mondo, Resene Quarter Friar
Grey, Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream,
Resene Triple Friar Grey. Resene
CoolColour™ technology used for
all exterior dark colours.







