## daringly deco

With its fluid forms, motifs, parapet roofs and bold colours, Art Deco architecture is very distinctive. Today, many people associate Art Deco colours with soft pastel and gelato tones – pink, yellow, sky blue and minty green. Art Deco houses appeared throughout the country but especially in Napier, a city which was virtually rebuilt after the devastating 1931 earthquake.

This handsome Art Deco house with its bold curved bay window, high ribbed panel, crenallated parapet roof and curved steps needs little in the way of complicated colour to enhance its natural good looks. Painted in Resene Half Thorndon Cream, this serene green-tinged cream is a superb complement to the garden's evergreen wild iris and the delicate weeping silver pear. A slim capping of Resene Nero on top of the parapet and a glossy black front door help finish off the scheme.

**2** In a city setting, the distinguished silver grey tones of **Resene Half Surrender** are perfect for the quite masculine profile of this house. Used on the main body of the house and the fence, this paler grey is joined by

staunch **Resene Trojan** on the steps while the deep red **Resene Hot Wired** sizzles out from the door and roof capping. The crisp greytinged **Resene Black White** lightens the look on the windows.

**3** Green was very popular in the Art Deco era whether it was mint, jade, foam or fern. This scheme uses the invigorating freshness of the aptly named **Resene Apple Green** as the main colour and on the fence, with a fun splash of another Art Deco darling – teal blue **Resene Ming** – on the front door, steps and roof capping. The windows are in the warm off-white of **Resene Quarter Bianca**.

Classic Art Deco schemes are known for their pretty pastel tones, and this scheme takes full advantage. **Resene Blue Chalk** (which is actually a delicate lilac-pink) brings romance to the walls while the window frames and the band of ribbing are picked out in **Resene Saltpan**. Adding to the fun, steps and a front door in the bubbly **Resene Hawkes Blue** are the icing on the cake of this pretty scheme.



