


cool and calming

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Resene
Duck Egg Blue


One of our all-time favourite classic colours has been making a huge buzz: blue. Evocative of the sea and the sky, the colour blue brings together the deepest depths of the ocean with the lightness of the seventh cloud. It stands for integrity, power, tranquillity and health and is considered as beneficial to the mind and body.

Blue is one of those hues that always seems to be relevant, and its wide range of appealing hues offer so much diversity, which makes it easy to keep finding fresh and exciting alternatives to the shades of years past. Like many other


Left: Duck egg blues are timeless, but that doesn't mean they can't be the base of a trend-forward space too. Pair them with accents in a trendy terracotta like Resene Sante Fe on the stool and Resene Kalgoorie Sands on the bowl, a deeper greyed green blue like Resene Inside Back on the sideboard and finish the look with sharp black and white accessories. Walls in Resene Duck Egg Blue with paint effects finish for visual texture created using Resene FX Paint Effects mixed with Resene Rolling Stone and floor in Resene Half Villa White. Art from Father Rabbit, rug from Me & My Trend, lamp from Paper Plane.


 Resene Half
Villa White

 Resene
Sante Fe

 Resene
Rice Cake

 Resene
Kalgoorie Sands

 Resene
Aspiring

 Resene
Inside Back

 Resene
Pirate Gold

 Resene
Mai Tai

trending colours, today's popular blues are dusty in nature – like a sky just before dusk or a favourite pair of well-loved denim jeans. This move toward desaturated shades has been slowly occurring across the spectrum over the past few years, in large part driven by the desire to return our homes to calming, restful spaces.

Since Pantone announced Classic Blue as its top colour pick, dark, moody blues with hints of cobalt have been very much on trend globally. Looking ahead we are heading into a lighter and airier direction moving forward in our part of the world.

In lives full of busyness and interruptions, light blue helps us filter out the noise and focus on what truly matters. Light blue brings a sense of calm and stability we all desperately crave. It promotes healing and understanding and helps us switch to a more mindful mindset.

Popular blues have also taken on green undertones, with Resene Green Meets Blue, Resene Dark Slate and Resene Jurassic being among the most covetable variations. Try them with stone greys like Resene Pale Slate, sharp yellow whites like Resene Rice Cake or soft grey greens like Resene Aspiring. For a pop of interest, bring in small accents of bitter orange, rich ochre or peridot green such as Resene Mai Tai, Resene Pirate Gold or Resene Flourish to finish the look.



Above: Green-blues are ideal for spaces you want to relax in, such as bedrooms, living rooms and bathrooms. Wall in Resene Ziggurat, floor in Resene Mountain Mist, plant pot in Resene Celeste, coasters in Resene Rolling Stone, oval tray in Resene Half Duck Egg Blue and DIY art in Resene Celeste, Resene Blue Bayoux, Resene Rolling Stone, Resene Triple Rice Cake and Resene Nero. Sofa, tables and selected cushions from Nood, rug, plants and selected cushions from Freedom Furniture.

 Resene Ziggurat

 Resene Flourish

 Resene Green Meets Blue

 Resene Pale Slate

 Resene Jurassic

top tip

Continue your chosen light blue from your walls onto your ceiling to soften the room edges for a more cocooning space.

Resene Triple Rice Cake

Resene Half Duck Egg Blue

Resene Celeste

Resene Mountain Mist

Resene Rolling Stone

Resene Blue Bayoux

Resene Dark Slate

Resene Nero

Resene
Celeste

Resene
Cobblestone

Resene
New Denim Blue

Resene
Double Sea Fog

Resene
Terrain

Resene
Juniper

Resene Colorwood
Mid Greywash

Resene
Balderdash

Resene
Rose Gold



When choosing sheen levels for weathered or deepened blues, look to flat and low sheen finishes to enhance the weathered beauty of your blues.

Resene
Dover White



colour me tranquil

A restful space that is as minimal and toned down as it could be. Pared down to the unfussy essentials, this relaxing-looking bedroom seems to embody the principle of wellness right to its core. A Nordic blue green, Resene Juniper is a shade that falls firmly in the category of hues that evoke a sense of serenity. Used on this bedroom's walls, it pairs perfectly with the timber floor finished in Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash, a headboard in Resene Dover White, a bench in Resene Balderdash and a pendant lamp in Resene Double Sea Fog with a 'gold leaf effect' created using Resene Rose Gold metallic paint. The bedside table and woven basket (housing the large plant) are painted in Resene Double Sea Fog, the vases are painted in Resene Balderdash (left) and Resene Double Sea Fog (right) and the small ombre plant pot is in Resene Celeste (top), Resene Terrain (middle) and Resene Cobblestone (bottom). Rug and cushions from Me & My Trend, bedlinen from Society of Wanderers, throw from Kip & Co.

top tip

For the ultimate timeless combination, pair crisp Resene White with your favourite Resene blue.



Above: Wall in Resene Dusted Blue, shelf in Resene New Denim Blue and floor in Resene Colorwood Dark Ebony timber stain. Rug from Mulberi, chair, sideboard, throw and cushion from Città, lamp, mirror, vase, sculpture and stool from Good Form.

□ Resene Dusted Blue

■ Resene Colorwood Dark Ebony

Below: Combine classic denim blues with other classic hues like red and white. Wall in Resene Bunting, floor in Resene Sea Fog, coat rack in Resene Hammerhead, pendant lamp, stool, bud vase and umbrella stand in Resene Jalapeno and box shelves in Resene Hammerhead, Resene Breathless, Resene Sea Fog and Resene Jalapeno. Coat rack from Mocka.

□ Resene Breathless

■ Resene Bunting

■ Resene Hammerhead

■ Resene Jalapeno

