



LIVING LA DOLCE VITA

Bring the magic of the Mediterranean home with rich warm colours that will make you feel like you're living in Tuscany.

If you've ever dreamt about living in Italy, but never had the means to do so, have no fear: you can use colour to bring out the Tuscan elements of your home.

Between rolling vineyards and the golden glow of wheat fields, Tuscany offers an array of colours that incite thoughts of food, relaxation, nature and classic Mediterranean living.

The regions of Chianti and Montepulciano will automatically make wine drinkers think of the rich reds that those two locations are famous for. Italian décor often features lighter browns or reds, so finding a balance with Resene Copper Rust or even Resene Tuscany is certainly an option. Using these as primary colours depends on the type of furniture you're working with and whether or not you have indoor wooden panelling. Wooden

cabinets finished with Resene Colorwood wash finishes that have a stylish weathered look will complement these colours well.

Tuscany may be a vibrant region, but that doesn't necessarily mean your paint has to be heavily saturated. While spicy hues like Resene Wild West and Resene Pizza will keep your Tuscan look modern and fresh, if one colour is too intense, use Resene FX Paint Effects Medium to layer two or more paint colours to create a look that mimics natural materials such as mudbrick or adobe.

Italian rustic chic is eternally appealing – and Tuscan spice colours are well sought after. The beauty of these saturated terracotta interiors is that, much like a comforting dish of freshly made pasta, they require little embellishment – especially if you're after a cleaner, more contemporary

look. You can keep your furniture and furnishings minimal and streamlined and break up the deliciously rich, earthy palette with lighter accents. Look to sandy, creamy Resene paint colours that echo nature but keep your room feeling airy and spacious.

Happy decorating!

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