

# Soft touches of KITCHEN LOVE

Misty whites and eggshell blues are go-to colours for summery kitchens

White has been the consistent colour of choice for kitchens over the years, and while we're seeing bolder colours emerge, softly-hued kitchens remain steady in their versatility, with designers adding extra dimension to lift white kitchens away from streamlined, uncluttered

looks, to those that brim with personality and modern accents.

A kitchen built on a soft colour scheme can work with many styles of home – from traditional villas to modernist mid-century style; contemporary to beachy casual.

White is timeless, fresh and elegant,

with an endless number of variations to choose from; crisp icy whites, fleecy whites, ivory whites, hint-of-cream whites. Think Resene Sea Fog, Resene Alabaster, Resene Rice Cake and Resene Blanc. Check out the Resene Whites & Neutrals collection to see where a lick of paint and your imagination takes you.



For a casual Cape Cod look, cabinets in Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta are offset by walls in Resene Half Periglacial Blue. Timber accents in the window joinery and open shelves are complemented by black character handles.

## Tips and tricks to make your white kitchen sing

**CABINETRY STYLE** Try a cabinet style that moves away from the standard flat profile; a panel profile or tongue and groove are both unique options. Also think about diverse cabinet treatments; glass-front cabinets offer a stylish, modern option. Playing with gloss levels can create a point of difference, while many kitchen cabinets have a gloss finish for practicality (they're easy to wipe) and freshness, a luxurious satin Resene AquaLAQ finish creates an elegant effect.

**SUBTLE COLOUR ACCENTS** Use two soft colours at once – think off-white with pale blue, softest sage or wheaten gold. Or go to the other extreme by utilising touches of a highly contrasting colour like black – try Resene All Black for a bold option, or for a soft black, check out Resene Nocturnal.

**VISUAL TEXTURE** Introduce visual texture in the form of marble or stone-look benchtops. Timber also adds visual and tactile texture, bringing warmth and interest to the scheme. Use the Resene Colorwood wood stains collection to enhance the timber, or if you're after a beachy or rustic look, try Resene Colorwood Whitewash or Resene Colorwood Greywash on timber cabinetry, walls or flooring.

**ATTENTION TO DETAIL** The devil is in the detail when you are creating a subtle colour scheme. Introduce touches such as character handles, black tapware or stunning benchtop materials and try a non-integrated approach to appliances to help them blend into the overall design. ➔

Strong attention to detail gives this white kitchen an elegant, traditional look in a contemporary way. The kitchen island in Resene Akaroa introduces a subtle difference in colour and creates contrast within the large space. Additional cabinets feature Resene Alabaster, with walls in Resene Quarter Akaroa. Kitchen designed by Susan Templer of Templer Interiors.





# Food + Resene



Resene Quarter Duck Egg Blue was used in this beautifully restful New Plymouth kitchen (above), where an island bench extends to resemble a dining table complete with table lamp and upholstered chairs. The existing timber joinery was painted using Resene Albescent White, with the original fire surround retained. House interior design by Michael Mansvelt.

A crisp white interior painted in Resene Alabaster celebrates this stunning kitchen. House designed and built by Customkit.



**DESIGNER ACCESSORIES** Find bar stools you love, or feature pendant lights to hang over the island bench. Introduce little accents such as house plants, small retro appliances, or warm metallics like aged brass and copper.



In this kitchen designed by Shane George of Kitchens by Design, the cabinets have been hand-painted using a basecoat of Resene Pearl Lusta, over-brushed with Resene Sambuca for an aged and mellow effect. Black accents and a warm-coloured benchtop add to a rich palette of materials.

## Check out the new colour collection

The recently launched Resene The Range fashion colours fandeck 20 has superb new pale colour options. Check out Resene Elderflower, a fizzy warm white; Resene White Island, a delicate green; and Resene Poured Milk, a chilled white.

The new fashion fandeck is a much-anticipated colour launch, with a collection of on-trend colours designed to transcend the next two-to-three years alongside popular Resene hues and neutrals.

Key colour groupings include dusky peach-pinks, intriguing darks, pale greyed blues and a wide range of sensational greens.

View large A4 drawdown paint swatches of all the new colours in the in-store colour library and get your fandeck at your local Resene ColorShop.



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