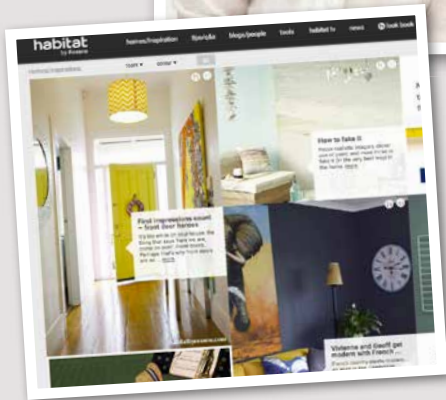






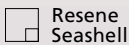
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It's a problem I don't mind having but for this issue of *habitat*, it seemed worse than usual. There were just too many wonderful images of creative paint and colour use to fit into the pages of the magazine. Normally, we might focus on just one kitchen, for example, but this time I just couldn't decide between the stunning yellow one or the sizzling hot red one. So you got both – see page 58. Likewise with the bathrooms; I couldn't choose between the three glam examples (page 60) that came across my desk. And don't even get me started on the garden images that use gorgeous amounts of Resene paint (page 63) or the many clever ideas we've spotted lately for kids (page 32).

I think it's a sign of the times as more and more homeowners are splashing out with adventurous colour.

It's a good thing we have another way of bringing hundreds of examples of beautifully painted homes to you – each week via our email newsletter and on our website, www.habitatbyresene.com. We're also on Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram. The beauty of using digital platforms is that you can just keep posting inspiring images and examples. It's a seemingly endless resource of rich content. So if you're not getting your weekly newsletter jump online and sign up.

And finally, a bit of a boast... and a boost. *Habitat* recently won the Best Owned Media category at the Magazine Publishers Association Awards, an achievement we're very proud of.

Happy reading!

Sharon.

Sharon Newey editor

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The beauty of nature has long inspired home design and never more so than now. There's a growing trend to bring more of the great outdoors into our living spaces. These days, with busy lives and smaller sections it's common for most of us to spend 90% of our time inside, so perhaps it's no surprise we're bringing nature indoors to enjoy it where we spend the most time. This used to mean adding a few pot plants here and there. These days, bringing nature indoors means everything from flooring to walls to cabinetry and, of course, paint colours.

For some, nature conjures up images of the bold blooms of spring and summer, which can easily be achieved with touches of your favourite bold Resene paint colours, like those in The Range fashion colours fandeck. For others,

nature means a connection to timber, and other raw and earthy finishes.

Just as the bark of a tree protects the timber beneath, you need to make sure the timbers and other materials used in your home are well protected. Whether that be a clear finish on interior timber or concrete, or a stained finish on your exterior timber, plan the protection when you choose the materials so that the look you love keeps looking that way as long as possible. Then you can also relax safe in the knowledge that when the time comes to refresh or rejuvenate, a new coat or two of clear, stain or paint, will be all that's needed. Much simpler than having to completely replace the original materials!

Happy decorating!

the Resene team

