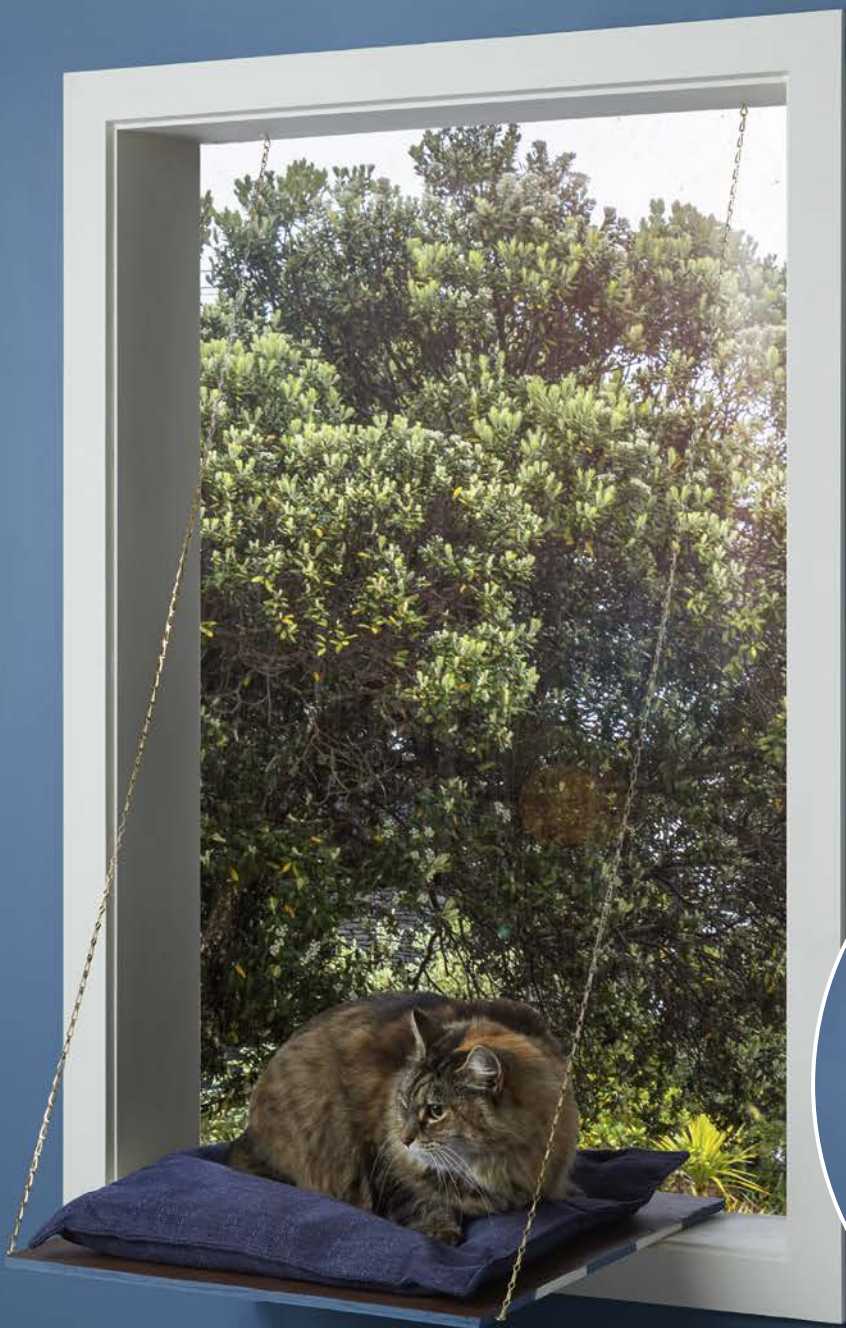


endless paw-sibilities

Un-leash your creativity with these decorative DIYs for your furry and feathered friends.



Sitting pretty

Which cat doesn't enjoy a good sunbath? If your sills aren't wide enough for Fluffy to curl up for a nap, make her a fold-down window seat where she can sun herself. The bottom of our pet perch features painted stripes of Resene Liberty and Resene Ecu White to match the paint colours on our wall and architraves when not in use, but you could decorate yours with any colours or pattern you like. Avoid the potential for cat-astrophe by making sure you use strong enough chain to support the weight of your furry friend – and that it's properly secured to your wall or window frame.

Resene Ecu White

Resene Liberty



Pack leader

It's a dog-eat-dog world out there – do yourself a favour and make a handy set of hooks like these so that finding your keys will be one less thing you'll need to worry about. We used three short offcuts of flat-profile trim. If you have a bigger family with more drivers or dogs, make a wider version so that there is a special space for each pack member. We used Resene Liberty behind the 'his' and 'her' hooks, Resene Rebel for Fido's, then used Resene Ecu White for the labels. The wall behind is in Resene Coyote.



Resene Rebel



Resene Coyote

Vanity fur

Paint a fetching silhouette of your beloved friend by enlarging a favourite portrait – ideally a side view that shows off their full pet-ential – and tracing an outline on to a blank canvas using carbon paper. Pick up a couple of testpots from your local Resene ColorShop (we used Resene Cleopatra for our background and Resene Salsa for our parrot to contrast with our Resene Dark Knight wall) then use a small, flat artist's brush to fill in the silhouette edges first, followed by the background. Once the fine outline work has been done, use a Resene testpot brush to fly through the rest.



Resene Dark Knight



Resene Cleopatra



Resene Salsa



top tip

Use a Resene waterborne enamel, such as Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss or Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen around pet areas so surfaces can be easily wiped clean.

Bone appetit

Renovating your kitchen? Take the op-purr-tunity to install an extra drawer in the empty space behind your kickboard where you can conceal your pet's food and water bowls, keeping them out of the path of traffic – and out of sight – between meal times. Try this same idea in the bottom of an existing drawer by cutting a piece of MDF or ply to fit inside and cut out twin holes sized to fit your pet's food bowls. Ours is painted Resene Ecu White to match the colour of the kitchen floor and the cabinetry is in Resene Sunbaked – one of Resene's most paw-pular fashion colours. **H**

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Resene Sunbaked

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