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welcome

Hello, and welcome to this special edition *habitat highlights* by Resene.

This issue celebrates 20 years of *habitat* magazine, helping you with ideas, advice and inspiration for decorating projects of all sizes. If you've been with us since the first issue, thank you for all your support over the years. And for those new to *habitat* by Resene, welcome – we're delighted you're joining us. We hope you find something in these pages to help inspire your next projects.

Whether you find us online or in a Resene ColorShop or reseller near you, we're always excited to hear from you and we're always here to help.

See you soon!

the Resene team

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Resene Opal

what's new

New products and ideas for the home.



metallic moments

Metallics are back! Make a statement with the Resene FX Metallics Wallpaper Collection. Available from Resene ColorShops by the roll and in all 45 colours from the Resene Metallic and Special Effects colour chart, all the painting is done for you. Back wall in Resene FX Metallics Wallpaper Deep Space, right wall in Resene FX Metallics Wallpaper Blast Grey 3, front left wall in Resene FX Metallics Wallpaper Magma, floor stained in Resene Colorwood Bark, vase on table in Resene FX Metallic Magma and side table and jug in Resene FX Metallic Blast Grey 3. Dining suite and console from Bauhaus, artwork by Justine Summers from endemicworld. Be in to win one of three prizes of a Resene \$250 wallpaper voucher. Enter online at www.winwithhabitat.co.nz.

Resene Magma

Resene Colorwood Bark

Resene Blast Grey 3

Resene Deep Space

Resene Seachange

Resene Blue Lagoon

Resene Quarter Stack

Resene Zeus

the big picture

Do you, or your community, have a mural project underway? Enter it in the Resene Mural Masterpieces Competition any time before November. There are four categories: Best School Mural, Best Community Mural, Best Professional Mural and Best Mural Design. Here is 2023's winning Community Mural from Thames Coast Community Kindergarten, celebrating the local coastline and its native birds. Colours used include Resene Golden Sand, Resene Half Gin Fizz, Resene Alaska and Resene Bowie. Enter at www.resene.com/murals.

Resene Half Gin Fizz

Resene Golden Sand

Resene Alaska

Resene Bowie



paint to powder

Colour your home top to toe in your favourite shade with new Resene Powder Coating available in Resene solid colours. Use on anything from window joinery and doors to facades, railings and more. Find out more at www.resene.com/powdercoating.



cohesive colour

Make over your bathroom with practical accessories and bathmats to suit your colour scheme. The Resene Living range includes bathroom sets with a soap dispenser, toothbrush holder, coaster and toilet brush holder coloured in Resene Zeus, Resene Quarter Stack, Resene Opal, Resene Blue Lagoon (pictured), Resene Seachange and Resene Alabaster. You can also buy bathmats and contour mats to suit your colour palette, such as Resene Opal (pictured). Available from Briscoes.



top colours

Resene Black White, oh how we love you. For the past seven years this crisp bright white, with its sophisticated blackened edge has topped the list of Resene's most popular colours. Here's the top 10, and you can find the top 20 at www.resene.com/top20.

- 2 Resene Alabaster
- 3 Resene Half Black White
- 4 Resene Sea Fog
- 5 Resene Double Alabaster
- 6 Resene Quarter Black White
- 7 Resene Ironsand
- 8 Resene Half Spanish White
- 9 Resene Rice Cake
- 10 Resene Half Rice Cake



seal the deal

Planning to paint your bathroom or do you have old varnishes you want to paint over? Resene Waterborne Sureseal is perfect for prepping these surfaces for painting; all with the added benefit of low odour and easy water wash-up.



Samsung BESPOKE Refrigerator in Resene Eighth Ash.

appliance art

Samsung has partnered with Resene so you can customise your Samsung BESPOKE fridge and dishwasher to fit in with - or boldly stand out from - the rest of your kitchen. Simply choose your favourite Resene colour and your fridge and dishwasher panels will be painted for you. Available from Samsung retailers.

Resene Eighth Ash



design tips on the go

Get expert design and decorating advice any time with the new Resene podcast *If These Walls Could Talk*. Host Katrina Hobbs chats to colour and design experts for insights and advice on design tips, trends and problems. Find it on Spotify or iHeartRadio or see www.resene.com/podcast for links.



botanic beauty

Lush colours and natural textures combine in a new range of botanically-inspired designs for the Resene Wallpaper Collection. Try the rich green of Resene Wallpaper Collection 33317 with Resene Deep Teal.



eternal elegance

Create the impact of a hand-painted mural using artistic new wallpaper designs such as Resene Wallpaper Collection DGILA102. Pair with timber cabinetry stained in Resene Colorwood English Walnut, then walls and ceiling in Resene Eighth Blanc. New designs coming to Resene ColorShops in autumn.

Resene Eighth Blanc Resene Colorwood English Walnut

floor flair

A rug is the perfect finishing touch in a room for comfort and style. Resene Living rugs are super soft underfoot, durable, and, above all, beautiful. This modern Allure design is inspired by Resene Steel Grey, Resene Alabaster, Resene Voltage and Resene Piper for a tranquil, elegant look. Available at selected Mitre 10 MEGA stores from late May.

Resene Alabaster Resene Voltage
 Resene Piper Resene Steel Grey





cosy with colour

Create havens for every season and style.

Our homes don't just reflect our taste: they can also shape and cater to our emotions. That can open the door to bolder choices in colour and pattern.

A touch of colour

Rich toasty colours with a muted finish create rooms designed for relaxing. Try a deep brick red, such as Resene Incarnadine, or a mustard gold, like Resene Mai Tai. In neutrals, look for off-whites like Resene Sandcastle to reduce light reflection, says Resene Colour Expert Amy Watkins. "Try taking a pastel colour like Resene Bud from the walls onto your ceiling, which changes the way the light bounces around the

room for a cocoon effect," she says. Or try colour-drenching by using one bold tone on everything for a totally immersive experience.

Versatile terracotta is also back on trend. Try Resene Tuscany or Resene Alert Tan. Other spicy tones are heroes when it comes to warmth, in shades like Resene Espresso and Resene Redwood.

Dark colours are a more obvious choice to create your cocoon. Opting for 'off-blacks' such as brown-edged tones like Resene Bokara Grey or Resene Kia Kaha, stops spaces from becoming overwhelming. Blackened greens like Resene Welcome or Resene Off The Grid evoke the serenity of a forest.



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| | Resene Alabaster | | Resene Mai Tai |
| | Resene Half Sea Fog | | Resene Tuscany |
| | Resene Fossil | | Resene Cinnamon |
| | Resene Sandcastle | | Resene Milk Chocolate |

Left: Colour drenching in spiced terracotta shades adds immediate cosiness. Walls and console table painted in Resene Cinnamon, floorboards in Resene Colorwood Shade, skirtings in Resene Calico, dining table in Resene Mai Tai, mirror in Resene Alabaster, large pot in Resene Manhattan and candleholders in Resene Calico and Resene Cinnamon. Rug from Baya, art by Stephanie Parkes, books from A&C Homestore.

Above: Autumnal botanicals evoke a sense of nostalgia. Resene Wallpaper Collection 465327 is used as a feature wall with Resene Half Masala on the wall and cubed bench seat. Floor in Resene Triple Rice Cake, coffee table and candlesticks in Resene Teak and frames and accessories in Resene Milk Chocolate, Resene Dark Buff, Resene Gold Coast, Resene Half Masala and Resene Teak. Chair from Nood, striped cushion and throw from Adairs, other cushions from Republic Home, Freedom and H&M Home, rug from Mocka.

Opposite: Adding a touch of charm to a dividing wall can transform a room. Wall painted in Resene Forest Green and Resene Fossil, floor in Resene Quarter Fossil, bookshelf and pendant light in Resene Spanish Green, coffee table and plant pot in Resene Double Fossil and other accessories in Resene Forest Green, Resene Quarter Fossil and Resene Spanish Green. Sofa from Nood, throw from H&M Home, cushions from Freedom, Adairs and Mocka.



Left: Cosy doesn't have to mean dark. Airy and soothing shades can be just as effective at creating a comforting retreat space, especially when tonally similar shades are layered and paired with textures and patterns to create depth. Lower wall and dado rail painted in Resene Undercover, upper wall in Resene Ashanti, mouldings in Resene Hermitage and panels in Resene Edward. Floor, skirting and vase in Resene Half Sea Fog, ribbed vase in Resene Undercover, books painted in Resene Undercover and Resene Edward and ball sculpture in Resene Hermitage. Artwork by Helen Dean, couch, bench and cushions from Maytime, throw from Niche Homestore, cushion fabrics from Atelier Textiles.



Left: Even laundries deserve some fun and glamour, done here with bubble-inspired circles. Wall painted in Resene Half Opal with circles in Resene Stromboli, Resene Undercover, Resene Sea Nymph, Resene Horizon and Resene Wallpaper Collection 91251. Cabinet in Resene Sea Nymph, bench in Resene Horizon, lightshade in Resene Sea Nymph and Resene Coast, large washing basket in Resene Stromboli and smaller basket in Resene Undercover. Washing machine and dryer from Bosch.

-  Resene Half Opal
-  Resene French Grey
-  Resene Hermitage
-  Resene Ashanti
-  Resene Sea Nymph
-  Resene Edward
-  Resene Undercover
-  Resene Stromboli



Another trick is to choose a paint product that doesn't have high reflection such as Resene SpaceCote Flat or Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen for a cosier feel, says Amy.

Soothing shapes and shades

Curved silhouettes are in. They're showing up in furniture such as plump sofas, in round coffee and dining tables and in the rounded corners of sideboards and kitchen islands. And even on our walls, thanks to the versatility of paint and a little artistic ingenuity.

Curves are comforting – like a hug – whereas straight lines can make a space look hard-edged and too buttoned-up. Adding organic shapes and circles to your walls is as easy as using a wavy line with one colour painted above and one below. Or paint on arches or circles. Painting a wall design might seem like a daunting task, but it's more manageable than you might think. Employing a freehand technique with a pencil can yield impressive results. Begin by experimenting with sketches on paper to refine the shape and dimensions of the paint sections. Or instead of painting a mural, trace and cut shapes out of a patterned or textured Resene wallpaper and paste them onto your walls.

Soothing shades can also help soften spaces and make them feel cosy and inviting, without going for darker 'cocoon' colours. Softer, more

muted shades include Resene Upside and Resene French Grey.

Blues are particularly soothing and softer watery aqua tones, like Resene Ashanti, work particularly well with greyed-edge or oaty whites like Resene Half Sea Fog or Resene Quarter Drought for an elegant, classic look that still exudes comfort.

If you're stuck getting started choosing your cosy colour scheme talk to the colour experts at your local Resene ColorShop.

Bold botanicals

Botanical prints are always popular, coming in a range of designs. For cosiness, look for Resene wallpapers in earthy colours such as soft brown and deep cream.

As these are a reflection of nature they often create the feeling of calm, says Amy, who lists Resene Smashed Avocado and Resene Wabi Sabi among her current favourite Resene greens.

Current wallpaper trends embrace the whimsical to recreate child-like wonder in nature. Designs like Resene Wallpaper Collection 465327 evoke nostalgia and the joy of falling autumn leaves. **H**

projects Megan Harrison-Turner, Vanessa Nouwens, Melle Van Sambeek
images Bryce Carleton, Belinda Merrie

-  Resene Bud
-  Resene Wabi Sabi
-  Resene Upside
-  Resene Half Masala
-  Resene Kia Kaha
-  Resene Forest Green
-  Resene Welcome
-  Resene Colorwood Shade



hibernate



uplift

top tip
Add texture with sponged or limewashed effects using Resene FX Paint Effects Medium.

choose your mood

Nothing can change the mood of a room as quickly and effectively as paint.

We've taken one bedroom and given it four unique looks to evoke different feelings: uplift, inspire, hibernate and retreat. It's a great way to see just how a different colour scheme can completely change a room.

Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey suggests also thinking about lighting and sheen levels. "Lower sheen paints, such as Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen or Resene SpaceCote Flat, create a warmer feel, while higher sheen finishes attract more attention."

For a bedroom perfect for hibernating in, try rich, deep natural tones and subtle texture. It evokes the feeling of being in a forest. Accessories and bedlinen are kept simple and natural, while the dark floor stained with Resene Colorwood Shade grounds the room.

For an uplifting, mood-boosting room, try muted, earthy greens for serenity and a sense of optimism. We've gone for a tonal look where the same shades are echoed around the room in furniture, flooring and accessories. Subtle notes of warm gold add contrast.

did you know?

You can visit the Resene colour experts at your local Resene ColorShop. They can help you choose colours and wallpapers for your projects as well as the paint finishes and preparation products best suited to your needs. You can also book a virtual, instore or at-home consultation with a Resene Colour Consultant. Book online at www.resene.com/colourconsult. Or ask a Resene Colour Expert your questions online, at www.resene.com/colourexpert.

When it comes to creating a retreat space, a mix of deep and pastel blues will always make us feel safer and calmer, while warm forest greens add freshness without sharpness.

To create an inspirational space look to gathering collectibles and colours that bring you joy and give you an energy boost. Play with patterns, shapes and texture as well as colour in ways that make you smile. **H**

projects Moneuan Ryan
images Bryce Carleton



retreat



inspire

pick a palette

Hibernate room: Back wall painted in Resene Double Masala, skirting in Resene Bokara Grey, floor in Resene Colorwood Shade, bedside table in faux woodgrain effect using Resene Half Thorndon Cream and Resene Triple Masala, chair in Resene Scrub, lightshade in Resene Teak, accessories in Resene Flax, Resene Triple Thorndon Cream and Resene Biscotti and bedhead stain washed in colours from the Resene Colorwood We Speak Beach collection – Resene Breathe Easy, Resene Bask and Resene Shade, with gridlines painted in Resene Half Bokara Grey.

Uplift room: Mural painted with Resene Half Merino, Resene Eighth Lemon Grass, Resene Half Lemon Grass and Resene Lemon Grass all mixed into Resene FX Paint Effects Medium and applied layer by layer.

Detailing is added with Resene Lemon Twist and Resene Eternity. Back wall in Resene Double Lemon Grass, skirting in Resene Quarter Tapa, floor in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy, ladder in Resene Pavlova, peg stool in Resene Lemon Grass, tray on the bed in Resene Quarter Tapa and accessories in Resene Lime White, Resene Lemon Twist, Resene Quarter Merino, Resene Quarter Tapa, Resene Eternity and Resene Pavlova.

Retreat room: Back wall painted in Resene Half Duck Egg Blue, skirting and slatted headboard in Resene Rolling Stone, bedhead wall in Resene Duck Egg Blue, floor in Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy, bedside table in Resene New Denim Blue, bench in Resene Half Wood Bark and upcycled cabinet in Resene Half Forest Green with panels and

handles in Resene Forest Green and detailing in Resene Duck Egg Blue. Bottle vase and bowl in Resene Half Hairy Heath.

Inspire room: Back left wall painted in Resene Kashmir Blue with right section in Resene Chocolate Lounge and skirting, batten and console in Resene Caffeine. Bedhead wall in Resene Funk with slatted bedhead in graduated colour using (from top) Resene Urbane, Resene Martini, Resene Tom Tom and Resene Almond Frost. Floor in Resene Colorwood Shade, table in Resene Streetwise, basket in Resene Martini and accessories in Resene Ravishing, Resene Spindle, Resene Streetwise, Resene Midnight Express, Resene Kashmir Blue and Resene Chocolate Lounge.

Furniture and accessories courtesy of Città, Freedom and Lighting Direct.

hibernate

-  Resene Colorwood Bask
-  Resene Colorwood Shade
-  Resene Double Masala
-  Resene Scrub
-  Resene Half Bokara Grey

uplift

-  Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy
-  Resene Lemon Twist
-  Resene Pavlova
-  Resene Lemon Grass
-  Resene Eternity

retreat

-  Resene Duck Egg Blue
-  Resene Rolling Stone
-  Resene Half Hairy Heath
-  Resene Forest Green
-  Resene New Denim Blue

inspire

-  Resene Urbane
-  Resene Funk
-  Resene Streetwise
-  Resene Kashmir Blue
-  Resene Chocolate Lounge

how glossy should I go?

- Use Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen on interior walls.
- Or to bring out the depth of dark colours, use Resene SpaceCote Flat.
- Use semi-gloss Resene Lustacryl on trims and joinery.
- Use Resene SpaceCote Flat on your ceiling for an easy-clean finish.



find your *style*

Need help finding your interior design style? Or to narrow down your choices? Either way, it can be inspiring seeing what others have done in their homes.



We've collected looks we love from the Resene Total Colour Awards entrants that are functional and modern, yet timeless.

Smart storage

Innovative storage solutions are becoming an increasingly important part of any home makeover – or new design. The way we use our homes has evolved a lot in recent years and the search is always on to find clever storage ideas.

Can you turn a living or study area wall into floor-to-ceiling storage? In a large room, consider painting the wall in a contrasting colour to make it a centrepiece. In smaller spaces, paint the storage and shelving the same shade as the walls so it recedes more from the eye and creates a seamless finish.

Resene Colour Expert Jackie Nicholls says paint is the simplest way to transform storage solutions. "If you need shelves on a wall, consider painting a strip or shape of colour on the wall behind them," she suggests. This will 'embed' the shelves more into the overall design of the room and draw the eye to items on the shelves. Try a bold shade like Resene Tuscany against neutral walls, or go for a subtler change like softer Resene Awaken against walls in Resene Meringue.



Above: Resene Cutty Sark painted on the kitchen island and the living room storage unit connects these two spaces and contrasts beautifully with the heritage wood features. Walls painted in Resene White Pointer. Design by Charlotte Minty Interior Design, www.charlotteminty.co.nz, image by Andy Spain.

Left: A standout feature of this heritage home is the full-height cabinetry painted in Resene Artemis. This connects with built-in furniture in the sunroom, providing visual appeal and essential storage. The walls are painted in Resene Merino and the ceiling is Resene Half Merino. Design by Marylou Sobel Interior Design, www.marylousobel.com.au, image by Anson Smart.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resene Merino | <input type="checkbox"/> Resene Cutty Sark |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Resene Artemis |

Colour connections

Careful and intentional use of colour can be a helpful way of connecting different spaces in your home.

Jackie suggests repeating colours in different areas, in varying strengths, to emphasise connections between spaces.

“You may have chosen a beautiful moody colour like Resene Epic for the walls of a media room or library, which could look amazing repeated on a pantry wall with shelves or a small powder room ceiling.

“It looks cohesive when you see a small selection of feature colours echoed throughout a home. Accent colours can also draw you into a space by following around a corner from one room to another.”

Try to follow the ‘rule of three’ and use your accent colour in at least three places in your space to help it feel like it belongs.

Think about how surfaces visually layer over each other when looking at connecting spaces. Layering a bold feature colour like burnt orange Resene Thunderbird among those layers – particularly if they’re in a neutral like Resene Eighth Sisal - is a fun way to link from, say, a hallway to the rear wall of a connected bedroom.

Layering neutrals can also connect spaces, particularly in long hallways or landings where you want to create a sense of light and airiness. For added brightness try contrasting neutrals like pale cream Resene Orchid White against soft camel Resene Quarter Canterbury Clay.



Above: The warm botanical green of Resene Rivergum used in this Wellington stairwell draws visitors toward a downstairs area that was once uninviting and underused. It contrasts perfectly with the joinery in Resene Quarter Rice Cake and the accents of wood. Protect wooden surfaces with clear Resene Aquaclear (walls) and Resene Qristal ClearFloor (floors). If you need to restore the timber colour, apply Resene Colorwood wood stain first. Design by Apthorp Architecture and Interiors, www.apthorp.co.nz, image by Andrew Elias-Jones.

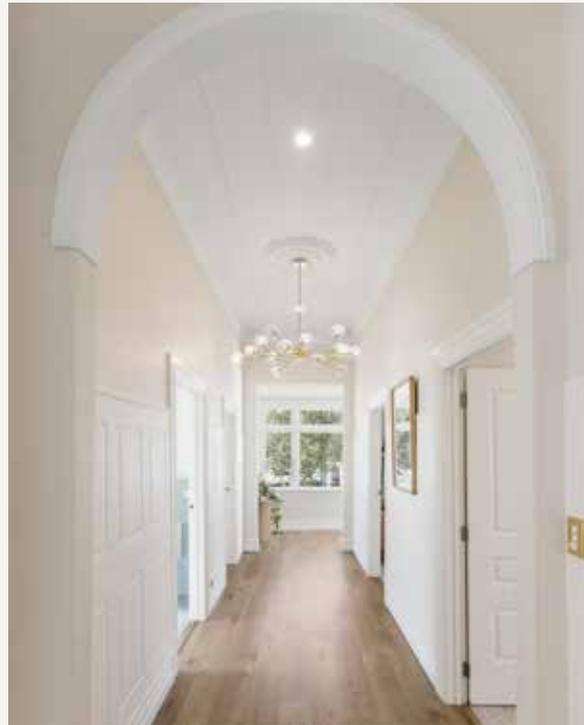


Resene Rivergum



Above: A bolt of riotous Resene Red Red Red on the wall of this stairwell pops against the Resene Merino wall in front, adding a sense of depth and making this compact flat feel more spacious. Design by Spacecraft Architects Ltd, www.spacecraftarchitects.co.nz, image by David Straight.

Resene Quarter Rice Cake



Above: Layered character neutrals of Resene Albescent White on walls, Resene Thorndon Cream on doors and trims in Resene Eighth Thorndon Cream lend this hallway the elegant grandeur it deserves. The wooden floor and gold accents are the perfect finishing touches. Rejuvenate wooden flooring with Resene Colorwood and Resene Qristal ClearFloor. Design by I Am Developer Ltd, www.iamdeveloper.co.nz, image by Taylor Wilson.



Resene Eighth Thorndon Cream

Resene Orchid White

Resene Eighth Sisal

Resene Albescent White

Resene Thorndon Cream

Resene Canterbury Clay

Resene Thunderbird

Resene Red Red Red

Resene Epic



Left: Jasmine, the artist owner of this home, decided to transform the entranceway with a mural. After pencilling the shapes on the wall, she began layering paler shades like Resene Wafer and Resene Urbane over the wall in Resene Black White. She then painted deeper coloured shapes in Resene Beethoven, Resene Leather and Resene Florentine Pink before finishing with a final layer of shapes in Resene Alamo and Resene Sante Fe. Design by Pinch and Punch, www.pinchpunch.nz, image by Jasmine Kroeze.

Above: A surprising use of colour separates the kitchen from the open-plan space in this home. Feature painted in Resene Half Karaka, walls in Resene Half Merino and ceiling in Resene Quarter Merino. Design by Priyanka Sareen, www.homefactor.co.nz, image by Sampford Cathie.

Below: Texture in the form of board and batten and the colour – Resene Nocturnal – turn this Riverhead media room into a perfect cosy sanctuary and retreat. Design by Abbey Lang Home, www.abbeylanghome.com, image by Tessa Chrisp.

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| | Resene Quarter Merino | | Resene Alamo |
| | Resene Black White | | Resene Sante Fe |
| | Resene Half Merino | | Resene Leather |
| | Resene Wafer | | Resene Colorwood Light Greywash |
| | Resene Beethoven | | Resene Colorwood Natural |
| | Resene Florentine Pink | | Resene Nocturnal |

Surprise colour

The trend for bursts of bright colour or patterned wallpaper has evolved beyond feature walls. Try this anywhere from closed-off media rooms or bathrooms to shelf linings, wardrobe and cupboard interiors or ceilings, floors and doors.

If you're unsure about just what colour or pattern to use – and where – Resene stylist Monuean Ryan suggests working with the colour experts at your local Resene ColorShop, who can arm you with an array of colour options, as well as tips and advice.

"Take along all your inspiration and ideas, as well as your measurements and photos of your space for the best advice for your project."

Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey says it's worth remembering that a pop of unexpected colour doesn't have to be a vivid bright. "A colour surprise can also be subtle, like a pastel-pink Resene Half Pale Rose ceiling in a room with moody Resene Gravel walls."

Adding a hand-drawn or traced mural to a section of wall is an impactful way to personalise a space.

Jackie's tips for creating a mural are to ensure you get your proportions right by drawing a scaled-down version of your artwork on paper first.

"Then draw a grid over your design and scale that onto the wall to make it easy to position your artwork. Draw it on first with chalk or a soft pencil before you commit to paint," she says.

"If you're not so comfortable freehand painting, there are many effects you can do with masking tape and mini rollers." ➤



top tip

Use matte Resene SpaceCote Flat to bring out the moodiness in dark colours.

alternative solutions



Gabrielle Courtenay

Artist and designer, Sydney
www.gabriellecourtenay.com

My use of dusky violets is inspired by my neighbour's flowering myrtle trees and adds colour to the room for both night and day use. Adding green to the palette adds warmth and complements the violet tones, while the lighter artwork adds lightness and contrast.

Right: Panelled wall in Resene Effortless, right wall in Resene Rum, ceiling and bowl in Resene Poet, floorboards stained in Resene Colorwood Natural and vases in Resene Half Spanish White. Rose artwork by Gabrielle Courtenay, sofa, chairs and rug from Nick Scali, lamp from Shut The Front Door.



Resene Half Milk White

Resene Milk White

Resene Half Spanish White

Resene Half Pale Rose

Resene Urbane

Resene Poet

Resene Effortless

Resene Powder Blue

Resene Rum

Resene Gravel

Resene Half Karaka



Meryl Southey

Resene Colour Expert
www.resene.com/colourexpert

I wanted to visually soften the room with a Hamptons-esque look. I added a sense of height by replacing the board and batten with plywood lengths, strong enough to support the weight of the television, while adding visual texture. From this perspective, I have imagined the main sofa moved to the unseen wall opposite the television and added floor cushions to accommodate extra lounging. I like multifunctional spaces and furniture so I've added built-in MDF custom cabinetry to match the wall. Keeping it off the ground adds a sense of space. I also like that the Samsung Frame TV works as art when not in use. The sliding barn door makes the room really user-friendly, as it can be easily closed off for an intimate, quieter viewing experience.

Left: Ply wall cabinet and barn door in Resene Milk White, right wall in Resene Powder Blue, ceiling in Resene Half Milk White and floorboards finished in Resene Colorwood Light Greywash topcoated with Resene Qristal ClearFloor. Chair from Danske Møbler, Frame TV from Samsung, floor cushion, throws, vases, pots and tray of candles from Freedom, check cushion from Adairs, side table and coffee table from A&C Homestore, lamp from Early Settler, rug from Bremworth, four-wick candle from The Warehouse.



top tip

You can easily refresh old laminate and melamine surfaces by painting over them. Make old out-of-date colours and styles look new again with Resene Laminate and Melamine Primer and your chosen Resene topcoat.



Resene Nebula

Resene Time Traveller

Resene Half Merino

Resene Black White

Resene Triple Wheatfield

Resene Half Pavlova

top tip

Keep ceilings cleaner with Resene SpaceCote Flat Fly Deterrent paint – the less flies sit, the fewer the fly spots.

Above: This freestanding kitchen storage unit in pale blue Resene Nebula almost glows against the rest of this dining room. To emphasise the freshness of the blue, team it with warm beige neutrals like Resene Half Pavlova or Resene Triple Wheatfield and greyed off-white trim in Resene Half Merino. Design by Marylou Sobel Interior Design, image by Anson Smart.

Right: A brick stairwell has been turned into a light-filled feature space by painting over existing brickwork in Resene Black White in this Queensland home. Design by Carlene Duffy, www.cedarandsuede.com.au, image by Mindi Cooke.



Old made new

Breathing new life into much-loved or unused spaces is an easy way to make the most of what you have by reusing and upcycling surfaces and possessions.

Painted-over textured surfaces like brick, concrete, or linoleum can lend your home new life. Melamine kitchen and bathroom cabinetry, ceiling tiles or wooden floorboards are all surfaces that can benefit from a fresh coat of paint and achieve maximum impact for minimal effort.

Meryl says that opting for a dramatically different colour can often provide the most significant change when upcycling or redecorating.

“If you have a deeper, darker shade in your room, try changing it to a light neutral like Resene Half Tea. It can make your space feel immediately brighter and bigger. On the other hand, if you have a paler, neutral family room, try going bolder with a shade like Resene Time Traveller, for a cosier wintry feel.”

“Don’t let your renovating or upcycling vision be derailed because you think you can’t paint over a particular surface. The trick is often just getting the right advice and finding the right product,” she says.

Be bold

Ultimately, finding your colour and design style is all about research and experimentation to find the combinations that speak to you personally.

“Colours that relate to each other will also help create a harmonious environment. If you love green-toned accents, for instance, check that the neutrals you’ve used have a hint of green as well so that they relate to each other rather than clashing,” Jackie says. “Resene colour experts can help you put them all together.” **H**

words Kerri Jackson



elevate your art

Artist Jae Frew understands the power of a good frame to showcase your art.

An interest in DIY and a passion for native birds compelled acclaimed Auckland-based commercial photographer and artist Jae Frew to build frames for his beautiful images featuring native birds.

With his combined artistic and DIY skills Jae understands the importance of frames that both showcase the art and complement the room they're hanging in. Each of Jae's photos is mounted in a bespoke native timber frame, then stained with Resene Waterborne Woodsman Pitch Black or painted in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen tinted to Resene Half Black White.

Jae's interest in DIY came from his father, who was a cabinetmaker. "He let me work alongside him in his workshop, quietly teaching me countless skills and tricks of the trade."

When undertaking projects around the home as well as for his art, Jae loves the reliability and ease of use of Resene products.

"There's a terrific range of products and colours, and the paint covers well and leaves a lovely finish. The staff are very knowledgeable and always helpful. I always use Resene – almost every surface of our house is covered in a Resene product of some sort." H

www.jaefrew.com



top tip

Use the colours in your art as the inspiration for your room colours as well as the frame. Upload a photo of the artwork to www.resene.com/palettegenerator to turn your art into a colour palette.

 Resene WB Woodsman Pitch Black

 Resene Half Black White



For a video and instructions on making these picture frames scan the QR code or visit www.masterstrokebyresene.com/diy-projects/how-to-make-a-bespoke-picture-frame



make an entrance

Crafty DIYs to declutter and enhance your entryway.

As we embrace the indoors through the cooler months, it's the perfect time to look at how we can downsize, reorganise and declutter.

Entryways are a really good, practical place to start. They're small areas, with high foot traffic, often taken for granted, so you can get great results for less effort. They're also usually the first impression visitors have of your home's interior.

Think about what you can purge and what really needs to be in the space. If floor space is minimal, get creative with the walls. This DIY organiser is designed to store your essential entryway items and takes up little space. Or try your hand at the umbrella holder, which will keep your entryway looking neat, rain or shine. **H**



Umbrella holder painted in Resene Kumutoto and Resene Kaitoke Green and wall painted in Resene Half Halcyon.

 Resene Half Halcyon  Resene Kumutoto  Resene Kaitoke Green

step-by-step



For step-by-step instructions on how to make your umbrella stand, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/umbrella-holder.

Umbrella holder

you'll need:

- 1 piece of 600mm x 600mm plywood, 9mm thick
- Jig saw
- Power drill
- Drilling kit
- Sander or sandpaper in wood block, in medium and fine
- Wood glue
- Resene testpot brushes
- Resene Quick Dry waterborne primer undercoat
- Resene testpots in Resene Kumutoto and Resene Kaitoke Green
- Painter's tape
- Resene Aquaclear
- 20mm wood screws
- Filler Eezee Wood Patch Pine
- Putty knife (optional)
- Picture hanging strips
- Measuring tape, pencil, ruler and level

Entry organiser

you'll need:

- 1 piece of 600mm x 600mm plywood, 9mm thick
- Templates of wavy tops for baseboard and mail holder (optional)
- 1 x piece of 16mm plywood dowel, at least 160mm in length
- 1 x piece of 12mm plywood dowel, at least 120mm in length
- Birch round elastic cord, at least 50mm in length
- Jig saw
- Power drill
- Drilling kit
- Sander or sandpaper in wood block, in medium and fine
- Wood glue
- Resene testpot brushes
- Resene Colorwood Rising Tide and Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy
- Resene Aquaclear
- 20mm wood screws
- Picture hanging strips
- Measuring tape, pencil, ruler and level

For step-by-step instructions on how to make your organiser, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/entryway-organiser.



step-by-step



Organiser finished in Resene Colorwood Rising Tide and Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy from the Resene We Speak Beach collection, pot in Resene Breathless, envelope in Resene Cashmere and wall in Resene Quarter Akaroa.

projects Leigh Stockton
images Patrick Roberts

- Resene Quarter Akaroa 
- Resene Cashmere 
- Resene Breathless 
- Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy 
- Resene Colorwood Rising Tide 



For more entranceway ideas, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/entranceway.



Left: Not just one but many wallpapers bring this room to life. The dramatic botanical Resene Wallpaper Collection 221181 is used as a feature wall, the side tables and boxes on the bookcase are covered in Resene Wallpaper Collection 220921 (small table) and Resene Wallpaper Collection 17959 (large) with tops in Resene Quarter Bokara Grey and the bookcase is in Resene Triple Sisal and Resene Half Bokara Grey with the back finished in Resene Wallpaper Collection 220359. Wall in Resene Triple Sisal, flooring in Resene Colorwood Shade, planter in Resene Bokara Grey, circular DIY artwork textured with Resene EzyFill Quick and painted in Resene Gimblet and Resene FX Metallic Gold, mug in Resene Bokara Grey, bowl in Resene Quarter Truffle and light pendant in Resene Triple Truffle and Resene Double Truffle. Rug from Briscoes, lamp from Lighting Direct, sofa from Interior Warehouse.

top tip

Wallpaper collections change regularly. It's often best to order more wallpaper than you need so you have spare if you need to fix up any damage in the future.

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|  | Resene Quarter Truffle |  | Resene Triple Truffle |
|  | Resene Double Truffle |  | Resene Gold |



Resene Wallpaper Collection 537628



Resene Wallpaper Collection 387065



Resene Wallpaper Collection M421-02



Resene Wallpaper Collection RD920



Resene Wallpaper Collection 538229

-  Resene Gimblet
-  Resene Triple Sisal
-  Resene Quarter Bokara Grey
-  Resene Half Bokara Grey
-  Resene Bokara Grey
-  Resene Colorwood Shade

New designs coming to Resene ColorShops in autumn.

bold choices

Today's wallpaper designs let you go as plain or as bold as you like.

Looking for the right wallpaper is a heady experience. Fanciful and whimsical scenes captivate us, large scale botanical prints or intricate florals enchant us, assertive geometrics catch our eye and mural-style designs tempt us.

As with any decorating journey, a successful outcome is grounded in knowing what you are trying to achieve – do you want something subtle like Resene Wallpaper Collection 537628 that's bought alive with texture and paired with natural finishes, or something that wows you when you walk into the room like the Versace-style opulence of Resene Wallpaper Collection 387065? Or something in between like the elegant arches of Resene Wallpaper Collection M421-02?

Resene wallpaper can be used to lend quiet elegance to a room with subtle texture and colour. Plain wallpapers or grass cloth effects are an option but there are also neutral wallpapers with subtle tone-on-tone designs.

Says Resene Colour Expert Brenda Ngatai: "Neutral wallpapers are always a winner. They give another dimension to the design of a space, they soften the walls, give low-impact texture and give a calmness to the space."

Some wallpapers also carry different sheen levels or textures, which add depth to even neutral colourways. Anaglypta wallpapers like Resene Wallpaper Collection RD920 offer a pattern or texture that can then be painted with your chosen Resene paint colour.

While neutrals are a popular go-to choice, wallpaper colours that are rising in popularity are "very much bronze, golds and brown tones, with dark earthy blues or greens, pinks and/or greys as the contrast," says Brenda.

These can be used as a feature wall, married with either a Resene paint colour that's inspired by the wallpaper, or with a plain wallpaper from the same collection.

Feature walls have never really fallen out of fashion and with the increase in bold highly-patterned papers and mural-style offerings like the dreamy botanicals of Resene Wallpaper Collection 538229, using one of these as an accent makes sense.

Certainly, bolder wallpapers are having more than a moment and there are plenty to choose from. For those fully embracing the look, these wallpapers are being applied to all four walls of a room.

"A bold pattern is a statement and is often great in large spaces, as it fills in voids in open spaces," Brenda says. "Be mindful of keeping a balance to the space, make sure the colourway ties in with what's already there such as the flooring and furniture."

It's also worth remembering wallpaper is not just for walls and doesn't need to be used in full drops. It can be used in small squares, circles or any other shapes –



Left: Combining complementary wallpapers, one patterned and the other plain or lightly textured, is a restful yet eye-catching solution. The headboard wall is papered in Resene Wallpaper Collection M644-01 with the rest of the room in Resene Wallpaper Collection A137-11. Pair with Resene Alabaster painted on the ceiling and a headboard in Resene Soothe.

Below left: The stylised wave design of Resene Wallpaper Collection M629-07 is full of fluidity and subtle texture - the perfect solution for a bathroom that answers the need for a neutral scheme but with a twist. Pair it with Resene Poured Milk and Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy.

- Resene Alabaster
- Resene Colorwood Breathe Easy
- Resene Poured Milk
- Resene Soothe



Below: Create a unique feature using a combination of paint and wallpaper to form a chequerboard pattern. This wall is patterned with Resene Vivid Wallpaper Collection 384503 along with painted squares in Resene Smashed Avocado, Resene Dell and Resene Green Leaf. Floor in Resene Triple Foundry topcoated in Resene FX Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Waiouru, Resene Vantage Point and Resene Double Foundry, side tables in Resene Dell, planter in Resene Green Leaf and other accessories in Resene Copper Fire and Resene Pendragon. Chair from Forma, lamp from Lighting Plus with shade painted in Resene Green Leaf.



geometric or freestyle. It can also be used on lampshades and books and to create framed artworks. It can be wrapped around drum-style side tables and stools, used to line the interior of a wardrobe or the backs of shelves or to create a classic panelled wall. For a real showstopper it can even be used on your ceiling.

Using bold wallpaper patterns in small amounts on decor pieces or as contrast accents to your Resene paint colour is a smart way to experiment with pushing your colour and pattern boundaries without going overboard.

Papering a small toilet or bathroom in a distinctive pattern is another safe way to dip your toe in the wallpaper water. It's a small project, in a tucked-away space that can feel safer for experimenting with bold designs. Plus, it will look superb, creating a fun visual surprise for anybody who enters. **H**

- Resene Copper Fire
- Resene Pendragon
- Resene Smashed Avocado
- Resene Green Leaf
- Resene Dell
- Resene Vantage Point
- Resene Waiouru
- Resene Double Foundry

images Aspiring Wallpapers, Bryce Carleton
projects Megan Harrison-Turner

View the full range in the wallpaper library at your local Resene ColorShop.

take a testpot

With a Resene testpot or two you can create and transform some fun and fancy projects.

Resene testpots are a vital tool when it comes to choosing the right colours for your interior or exterior project, but they're also the perfect size for use on small design and art projects.

Here's a selection of some cool and quirky, but often practical Resene testpot projects, perfect for your own home, or giving as gifts.

how to:

Give old vases a new lease on life. Paint your vases and pots with two coats of Resene Quick Dry primer. Once dry, divide your pot into sections with a pencil or tape. Paint each section with a different Resene colour. We've used Resene Feijoa, Resene Vista Blue, Resene Moby, Resene Cupid, Resene Cabaret and Resene Retreat.

top tip

Use masking tape for crisp clean edges.

Centrepiece vases

you'll need:

- Resene testpots
- Resene Quick Dry primer or for terracotta pots use Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer
- Old pots
- Paintbrush
- Pencil

-  Resene Cupid
-  Resene Cabaret
-  Resene Vista Blue
-  Resene Feijoa
-  Resene Moby
-  Resene Retreat



To-do board

you'll need:

- Resene testpots
- Clipboard
- Ruler
- Washi masking tape
- Pencil
- Paintbrush
- Pegs

-  Resene Ballerina
-  Resene Groovy
-  Resene Hopbush
-  Resene Limerick
-  Resene Moody Blue
-  Resene Deep Sea
-  Resene Butterfly
-  Resene Centre Stage
-  Resene Spring Rain
-  Resene Groovy
-  Resene Limerick
-  Resene Deep Sea

how to:

Upcycle an old clipboard into a helpful to-do chart. With a pencil and a ruler, divide the board into four even square sections leaving a strip at the top and through the middle for your title words. Mask off the sections using washi masking tape and paint each section in two coats of your favourite Resene colours. We've used Resene Deep Sea, Resene Groovy, Resene Limerick, Resene Centre Stage, Resene Butterfly and Resene Moody Blue. While the clipboard is drying, paint both sides of at least 10 wooden pegs with two coats of co-ordinating Resene colours. We've used Resene Half Limerick, Resene Spring Rain, Resene Feijoa, Resene Deep Sea, Resene Groovy, Resene Hopbush, Resene Ballerina, Resene Moody Blue, Resene Butterfly and Resene Centre Stage. When thoroughly dry, with a fine paintbrush, label the top strip with 'Daily', the middle strip with 'Weekly', the two left-hand squares with 'To Do' and the two right-hand squares with 'Done'. Mark each peg with a different chore (both sides) and clip them to the side of the 'Daily' or 'Weekly' 'To Do' boxes. When the chores are complete, the pegs can be clipped onto the 'Done' boxes.



Crafty coasters

you'll need:

- Resene testpots
- Resene Aquaclear
- Pine slab W90mm x D10mm x L1200mm or offcuts
- Washi tape
- Handsaw
- Paintbrush
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Sandpaper



how to:

Measure down a W90mm x D10mm x L1200mm length of pine at 90mm intervals and rule a line across at each point. Cut each line using a handsaw. Smooth off all the edges with sandpaper and wipe off sanding dust. Mask out diagonal or straight stripes on each square with Resene washi tape. Paint the exposed wood with two coats of Resene Half Black White, Resene Double Foundry (black) or Resene Japanese Laurel (green). When the paint is completely dry, peel off the tape and coat with Resene Aquaclear waterborne urethane varnish.

did you know?

Most Resene testpots contain Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen exterior and interior paint, so they're easy to wash up in water and Eco Choice approved.



For more project ideas, visit www.resene.com/projects.



Gingham platter

you'll need:

- Resene testpots
- Recycled wood board
- Washi masking tape
- Resene Aquaclear
- Paintbrush

how to:

Tape around the entire edge of your board with washi masking tape. Next, paint the front of the board with two coats of Resene Poured Milk. When thoroughly dry, tape stripes across the front of the board with masking tape, horizontally from left to right. Leave a tape-width space between each strip. Paint two coats of Resene Grey Chateau over the exposed pieces of horizontal board. Once dry, peel off the tape to reveal a grey and white striped board. Now tape the washi masking tape the same way as before but vertically this time, from top to bottom. Paint two coats of Resene Tuna over the exposed pieces of vertical board. Once dry, leaving the tape in place, tape another set of stripes, horizontally again from left to right with the same spacing as before. Paint two coats of Resene Double Foundry over the remaining pieces of exposed board. When dry, peel off all the tape and seal with two coats of Resene Aquaclear waterborne urethane varnish. **H**

Resene Grey Chateau 



Resene testpots are ideal for many small projects. Buy online, shop.resene.com/testpots or at your local Resene ColorShop or reseller.

projects Emily Somerville-Ryan
images Bryce Carleton



street appeal

Colours inspired by the great outdoors elevate any home to best-dressed in the street.

Resene Triple Blanc 

If the outside of your home is looking a little rough and in need of some love, there's no time like the present to give it a refresh. The cooler months are the best time to search out the latest looks and start planning your exterior makeover. You can then break your project into smaller parts that you can work through one by one.

When it comes to choosing finishes for your exteriors, Resene Paint Expert Bryce McDermott says a good place to start is with the material your home is made of.

"Darker colours are very popular and if you want to go dark over timber with existing paint

coatings, it pays to do adhesion tests on the paint before you start. If the coatings are weak, putting a new coating over the top can cause the older coatings to blister. It's often best to strip old paint back to bare timber and start again to get the best life out of your paint job. Dark colours can cause movement of the timber as well.

"Resene CoolColour technology will help reduce movement and heat damage and keep the timber cooler than the normal colour.

"Take the time to do a yearly washdown with Resene Paint Prep and Housewash or Resene Bio-Cleaner – it will help your paint job last longer."

Rays of sunshine

Wanting to inject some life into this award-winning courtyard, the design team at Lymessmith settled on a surprisingly impactful colour choice. The vibrant, earthy red, orange, pink and brown palette seems to wrap the garden in a warm embrace. This palette is a great option if you have an overshadowed or dark outdoor space that needs some warmth and energy. Paired with lush greenery, these sun-drenched shades create a personal retreat in your backyard. This home is finished in Resene Double Akaroa, Resene Poppy and Resene Triple Blanc. Warm up your backyard with a palette of Resene Double Akaroa with Resene Kalgoorie Sands, Resene Tango, Resene Mexican Red and Resene Space Shuttle, painted in Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen. "The wonderful thing about the coloured courtyard walls is how they are seen from inside the house, and how they produce interesting views and colour effects within the house," says Sonia from Lymessmith. "The colour shines and spills, changing with weather, time of day and season."

design Lymessmith www.lymessmith.com.au
images Brett Boardman

-  Resene Tango
-  Resene Mexican Red
-  Resene Poppy
-  Resene Kalgoorie Sands
-  Resene Double Akaroa
-  Resene Space Shuttle

A burst of light

This home shows how a warm white like Resene Half Milk White can elevate your home exterior, enhancing features like weatherboards and brick, to give your home the ultimate street appeal, especially great in an urban setting. When choosing the right white, remember the look of whites and neutrals will be affected by other elements nearby, like the colour of your neighbour's house or the types of greenery in your garden. The sheen level of your painted finish will also affect how the colour reflects light. A low sheen paint such as Resene Lumbersider Low Sheen will give off a denser, muddier look, while a higher gloss finish such as Resene Hi-Glo will make your exterior look cleaner and brighter.

build Pritchard Building Ltd and Signature Homes
www.signature.co.nz/profile/dean-pritchard-0/
colour selection Kelly Wright Interiors
www.instagram.com/kellywrightinteriors

top tip

When painting in coastal areas, windblown salt needs to be washed off each day before painting using Resene Paint Prep and Housewash or Resene Bio-Cleaner.



top tip
 The sun makes colours look lighter outside than you might expect. Make sure you test your colours with Resene testpots. It's often best to choose the darker of your favourite options as it will look lighter used outside.



Colour surprise

To ensure this dwelling had the same impact as its breathtaking views of Huia Bay, homeowners Christopher and Sarah worked with Artis by Box™ to choose a stunning blue-green, Resene Casal, to reflect the coastal scenery as well as their personal taste. Upon arriving at the property the vibrant colour evokes an immediate sense of tranquillity and relaxation that works in perfectly with the surrounding

coastal landscape and native bush. As well as creating a contrast that beautifully showcases the wood cladding, the vibrant colour infuses the home with unique personality and serves as a vivid reminder that even with a modest budget, colour can bring any vision to design.

design Artis by Box™, www.artishomes.co.nz
image Sophie Heyworth

For more exterior inspiration, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/exterior.

Resene Casal 

Painting exteriors in winter

Advice from Resene Paint Expert Bryce McDermott:

- Avoid painting in very cold conditions. A good rule is if your washing is not drying, your paint won't either. Choose a day that has good clear weather conditions and a slight breeze.
- Start later and finish earlier; 10am until 2pm is generally good in winter. You need to give the paint a chance to dry and cure before nightfall. In warmer weather you can start earlier and finish later.

 Resene Half Milk White
  Resene Triple Blanc

did you know?

Resene Wintergrade Additive provides extra protection when painting in colder temperatures. Add to selected Resene waterborne topcoats and you can paint down to a chilly 3°C.

Surfaces like concrete can take longer to warm up than the air so make sure you give them time to defrost first before you start painting.

words Jessica Weale



outdoor flair all year

Creating outdoor rooms helps you use your outdoor spaces year round.

There's nothing like excellent indoor/outdoor flow to give your home a sense of scale, space and freedom. But it can get tricky when chilly, wet and windy weather strikes. A damp, cold, outdoor seating area isn't very inviting on a frosty day or evening.

To breathe new life – and use – into your outdoor areas in the cooler months, look for areas to turn into outdoor rooms and approach the design and styling just as you would your interiors.

Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey says this means starting with the feel and function you want to achieve.

"First, decide what ambience you want and how that fits into the design and function of the space. Look at the basics of colour. Are your colours warm or cool? And what are the undertones of the neutrals? You will also need to consider the aspect of your outdoor room," she says.

Also bear in mind the colour of your property's exterior if your outdoor room is close to the house and look for places to add tonally similar colours – or a bold contrast.

Shelter is also essential when it comes to using outdoor spaces in winter, so think about staining wooden trellis screens in on-trend deep shades like Resene Woodsman Crowshead, which looks dramatic against lighter home exterior colours, such as ever-popular Resene Sea Fog and Resene Black White.

Resene FX Faux Rust Effect is another unique way to add warm colour and visual texture on décor pieces like planters or trellis – and its use is sure to be a talking point.

That sounds like a great place to start planning your outdoor room!

Outdoor shower

There's something about an outdoor shower at home that feels inherently luxurious and reminiscent of balmy beach holidays.

Try to position your shower as close as possible to a door, with a clear path that's friendly to bare feet for quick trips back inside after a shower in the chill night air. Remember, this is both a functional space and a fun outdoor room, so add shelves, hooks and baskets for storing clothing and towels.

- Resene Sea Fog
- Resene Black White
- Resene Pale Slate
- Resene Nebula
- Resene Half Baltic Sea

Below: Privacy for this outdoor shower is provided by a corrugated iron wall painted in Resene Pale Slate and trimmed in Resene Half Baltic Sea. Deck stained in Resene Woodsman Uluru, tongue-and-groove wall painted in Resene Half Baltic Sea, bench in Resene Nebula, pots and crate in Resene Vista White, round MDF hooks in Resene Vista White and Resene Nebula and table in Resene Colorwood Basket. Resene Living soap dispenser from Briscoes.



top tip

Resene Spanish White 

Resene Waterborne Woodsman exterior wood stain is fast drying and easily cleaned up with water. Choose the Resene CoolColour version if you are planning to use a dark colour to help reflect more heat. Reapply it about every two summers for maximum protection.

As it's a wet area, consider using Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path, which has a built-in textured finish to help prevent accidental slipping. It comes in a low sheen finish and can be tinted to suit your chosen colour scheme.

Retreat space

You can easily turn a naturally sheltered corner of your deck or backyard into a relaxing retreat.

Fill it with soft furnishings such as cushions, bean bags and throws to add an essential layer of comfort and, of course, warmth.

The upholstery on your outdoor furniture must be weatherproof unless you're willing to pack it away when not in use. But you can add another layer of comfort with softer, plush fabrics that are simpler to store.

Wools, fake fur, chenille and velvet are especially inviting in the chill, as are deep jewel colours accented with pops of bright contrast. Add plenty of plants in pots painted in your favourite Resene colours; a great way to use up spare Resene testpots.

Fire pit

There's nothing quite like the glow of a flickering fire to lure everyone outside on a wintery night. Just look for a spot sheltered from the wind by a wall of your home, a fence or a moveable screen.

Consider painting the walls around your firepit in darker colours, such as Resene Carpe Noctem, or use Resene Woodsman Treehouse stain so the space feels drawn-in and cosy.

If an open fire is unsuitable for your yard, look at other options, such as gas braziers and the new generation of electric infrared heaters. And remember to think about lighting too. If your firepit area does not have electricity, a great range of solar outdoor lights are available. H

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projects Melle Van Sambeek
images Bryce Carleton

Right: Greenery and cosy textiles add warmth to this outdoor room. Batten wall stained in Resene Waterborne Woodsman Charred Black. The floor is painted in a base of Resene Gunsmoke sponged with Resene Triple Concrete and Resene Quarter Concrete, bench seat in Resene Woodsman Bark, Cape Cod chair and large planter in Resene Shark and small planter in Resene Off The Grid. Plant from Danske Møbler, cushions from Baya.

 Resene Quarter Concrete



Above: Leafy palms and natural fibres make this sheltered spot feel like it could be in an exotic hotel, perfect for a 'getaway' at home. The tongue-and-groove wall is painted in Resene Spanish White and the decking is stained in Resene Woodsman Tiri. Pots in Resene Spanish White, large palm pot in Resene FX Faux Rust Effect and top of side table in Resene Nullarbor. Chair and large palm from Danske Møbler, rust cushion from Baya, cream cushions from H&M Home.

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|  Resene Vista White |  Resene Off The Grid |  Resene Woodsman Bark |
|  Resene Triple Concrete |  Resene Shark |  Resene Woodsman Tiri |
|  Resene Nullarbor |  Resene Carpe Noctem |  Resene Woodsman Charred Black |
|  Resene Gunsmoke |  Resene Woodsman Uluru |  Resene Woodsman Crowshead |



top tip

Get a new look on old concrete with Resene ConcreteWash, available in a range of subtle sheer colours.



Inset: Plant2Plate co-founders Matt and Zlatko.

Left: Stained in Resene Waterborne Woodsman Bushtrack and painted in Resene Bokara Grey, Plant2Plate planters show off your garden.

- Resene Limerick
- Resene WB Woodsman Bushtrack
- Resene Bokara Grey

They chose Resene Waterborne Woodsman Bushtrack stain, a favourite with Resene customers for its natural finish that preserves the beauty of the wood, showcasing knots and grain. Customers can also buy a version painted in Resene Bokara Grey, or in a combination of both paint and stain colours.

"We realised that many Kiwis were likely dealing with similar issues and might appreciate an accessible solution," Zlatko says. Thus, the planter was born, a tribute to Auckland's heritage that offers a practical and aesthetic solution for contemporary living spaces.

What sets Plant2Plate apart is their commitment to a single design – the Inclining Hyne planter. This deliberate choice allows them to focus their energy, attention and resources on perfecting a singular, exceptional product. Crafted with meticulous detail, the planter guarantees unparalleled quality that surpasses industry standards.

The materials used in Plant2Plate's creations reflect their dedication to seamlessly integrate with the environment too. Locally sourced timber is employed, enhancing the planter's durability while infusing it with the distinctive warmth and character that defines the local landscape.

"Our inspiration came from the ideology of apartment living," Zlatko says. "If we could create a product that could be used in confined spaces, we could be casting a net to a large group of people."

Despite their corporate jobs in architecture and business, Zlatko and Matt are dedicated to Plant2Plate's mission. They believe in the power of bringing a touch of greenery and self-produced vegetation to every home, even in the midst of urban living challenges.

In a world where space is a premium, Plant2Plate stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of Kiwis, cultivating dreams from plant to plate with Resene Eco Choice approved paint and wood stain and the beauty of locally sourced timber.

Find out more about Plant2Plate and shop at www.plant2plate.co.nz. **H**

words Jessica Weale

growing dreams

In the bustling urban landscape, where barbecue aromas fill the air, two friends, Zlatko Vuletic and Matt Bowd, found themselves facing a common dilemma - the high cost of, and limited space for, growing fresh vegetables.

Determined to provide a solution, they embarked on a journey that resulted in the launch of Plant2Plate, a company dedicated to empowering people to cultivate their own produce in confined spaces.

At the heart of Plant2Plate's mission is the creation of high-quality, space-efficient planter boxes. These aren't just containers; they are handcrafted pieces of functional art that

seamlessly blend rustic charm with contemporary style. Zlatko, with his architectural background, played a pivotal role in designing the Inclining Hyne planter, a tiered structure inspired by Māori farming practices and Auckland's historical connection to tiered gardens on volcanic slopes.

To bring their planters to life, co-founders Zlatko and Matt turned to Resene to capture the essence of nature's picturesque beauty.

practical privacy

Build a versatile privacy screen for a stylish, functional back garden.

Versatile furniture like this moveable privacy screen, made by artist and expert DIYer Jae Frew, lets you customise your outdoor area depending on the season or weather. Jae has crafted this screen from timber and given it a dark finish by staining it with Resene Waterborne Woodsman penetrating oil stain in Resene Pitch Black, which also provides an eye-catching contrast to the vibrant green of the plants and garden.

The screen is anchored by a sturdy base, which ensures it's well-balanced and won't topple over, plus it has castors for shifting easily.

Resene WB Woodsman
Pitch Black

As well as offering privacy it provides a moveable shade screen during sunny days, protection from the wind and can be stored when not required. Handy hooks offer all kinds of practical uses such as hanging BBQ tools, or robes and towels near a pool. **H**



step-by-step



For a video and full instructions on how to make this privacy screen scan the QR code or visit www.masterstrokebyresene.com/diy-projects/build-your-own-outdoor-privacy-screen

MasterStroke
by Resene



perennial brights

Bold Resene paint colours inject vibrancy into this Waikato garden, regardless of whether the flowers are in bloom or taking a seasonal break.

Amy loves colour. Visitors flock to her Villaleigh Gardens and Nursery in rural Waikato in spring and summer to admire the abundant and vivid flowering perennials in every colour under the sun.

Come winter, when the garden is more subdued, Amy ensures it remains a celebration of her love of colour – with the help of vibrant Resene paints and repurposed farming materials.

The 1.6 hectares of Villaleigh where Amy lives with her husband Aaron, a builder, and children Patrick, 13, and Caeley, 10, are a meandering mix of paths, lawns, trees and sprawling densely planted flower beds. Bright sculptures, colourful garden features and furniture, all painted in vibrant Resene hues, also draw visitors' eyes through the multi-levelled plot and keep it looking interesting when the flowers hibernate.

"I have always loved every colour. I've never been one to say I wouldn't have 'pink' or any particular colour," Amy says. "When the perennials disappear, I still want something that catches your eye in the garden and draws a line to something else interesting."

A key feature of the garden is a large archway over a path painted in summery blue Resene St Tropaz,

which is a beautiful contrast with the rich aubergine of Amy's 'Forest Pansy' tree and the stunning copper of her beech trees.

"I like bold contrast a lot. I like the paint colours to play off against the flowers rather than trying for a harmonious matching look," Amy says. "I look at other gardens that are all harmonious with matching colours, and I think they're lovely, but it just doesn't seem to be what I do."

Amy's ideas for colourful garden features are often inspired by what materials are available and what parts of the garden she wants to showcase.

Villaleigh is surrounded by farmland, so the most easily sourced materials for upcycling are often from the stockyards or parts of old fences. In one instance, she's made good use of half a hot water cylinder. Amy finds beauty in it all, repurposing resources in ways that add height and visual structure to the garden, as well as colour.

Besides the archway, three sizeable wooden foundation posts sourced from a building site have been thoughtfully placed in the elevated garden at the rear of the house, painted by Amy and her children in bold crimson Resene Rock N Roll. This colour is repeated on a bench seat in another secluded spot.



Above: A stool set made from parts of an old fence is painted in Resene Adrenalin to reflect the door of the children's playhouse (painted in Resene Iron), as well as nearby canna lilies.

Opposite, clockwise from top left: Vivid dahlias are a colour feature of the garden in summer. Simple posts in Resene Rock N Roll pop from the greenery. Their colour was inspired by the 'Forest Pansy' tree which contrasts against an arch painted in blue Resene St Tropaz.

- Resene Desert Sand
- Resene Domino
- Resene Madison
- Resene Piazza

top tip

Resene Umbrella Additive provides protection from light showers even before your paint has fully dried so if a sneaky light shower comes through your paint won't end up washing off.



Resene Pale Prim 

Colour inside and out

Resene Colour Expert Meryl Southey says the best outdoor spaces work as an extension of a home's interior.

"Consider the architectural design of your home, the setting, and the theme you are creating or have created inside. This will lend itself to what design, colours and plants to bring outdoors.

"Once you've thought about what colour you might like in a room, look to the garden to see if there is a colour that can be added or repeated inside," she says.

"Our focus on wellbeing and valuing nature is bringing a trend for more colour and vegetation in our gardens, including wildflowers. That gives plenty of scope to bring accent colours in.

"If lots of colour is not your thing, complex earthy palettes, with structural elements and plenty of texture, will help to create cohesion between your home and garden. Try on-trend earthy shades such as Resene Domino, Resene Piazza or Resene Desert Sand and add timber stained with Resene Colorwood (for interiors, or Resene Woodsman for exteriors) to enhance its natural beauty."

Resene Iron

Resene Adrenalin

Resene Rock N Roll

Resene St Tropaz



"I chose that colour because when I looked up the levels of the back garden, particularly in winter, I wanted it to link in with the colour of the Japanese maple.

"I actually cut off a branch and took it to my local Resene ColorShop. We worked with the colour charts to find the shade we thought best matched," Amy says.

The use of orange is also a standout, beginning when Amy planted an orange geum next to a purple salvia and fell in love with the mix of hues. "I immediately thought I needed to get more orange."

That came in the form of a large Modscene planter and the more recent addition of a tall table and chair set, built by Aaron from an old wooden fence and painted in vivid Resene Adrenalin. It pairs perfectly with the planter, the orange door of the children's playhouse and the surrounding purple, orange and magenta flowers.

"I do have really soft colours around in other parts of the garden as well, but there is something about those bold, bright colours that I love."

Against the bouquet of colour in the garden, Amy's home exterior is painted in soft grey Resene Iron. Inside the family home, she has opted for colours rather than neutrals, with Resene Pale Prim yellow on most walls and bolder shades such as bottomless blue Resene Madison and warm lavender grey Resene Gun Powder in living areas.

"The deep colour in the living area works well because the window in that room really frames the garden, and it draws your eye outside."

Though Amy keeps telling herself she's not adding any more new plants to her already large beds, she can't help but constantly evolve the colours and pathways to get the most from her property.

"My goal is to have a garden I like being in all year. Walking around in it every morning with my cup of tea, I still want to enjoy what I see."

See more of Amy's garden and plan your visit at www.villaleighplants.co.nz. **H**

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made with love

Colourful, yet simple projects to treat the ones you love, including those with four legs as well as two.



Creative station

Let the creative juices flow while still keeping things tidy with this simple organiser. Budding artists will thank you.

you'll need:

- 3x 90mm x 90mm pieces of timber, cut to 370mm in length
- Drill
- Spade drill bit, 30mm
- Sandpaper
- Pencil and ruler
- Resene Colorwood Bask
- Resene testpots in the colours of your choice for the rainbow. We used Resene Get Reddy, Resene Princess, Resene Hi Jinx, Resene Fizz, Resene Tutti Frutti, Resene Snap, Resene Dancing Girl, Resene Cotton Wool, Resene Gull Grey, Resene Twizel and Resene Jaguar
- Resene testpot brushes
- Artist's brushes
- Wood glue

- Resene Cotton Wool
- Resene Black White
- Resene Tutti Frutti
- Resene Princess
- Resene Fizz
- Resene Snap
- Resene Hi Jinx
- Resene Colorwood Bask
- Resene Twizel
- Resene Get Reddy
- Resene Dancing Girl
- Resene Gull Grey
- Resene Jaguar

For a step-by-step guide to making this project, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/rainbow-creative-station.

Left: Wall painted in Resene Pale Leaf, desk in Resene Black White, holder in Resene Colorwood Bask, circles in Resene Get Reddy, Resene Princess, Resene Hi Jinx, Resene Fizz, Resene Tutti Frutti, Resene Snap, Resene Dancing Girl, Resene Cotton Wool, Resene Gull Grey, Resene Twizel and Resene Jaguar.

Counting in colour: DIY rainbow abacus

This rainbow-inspired abacus is sure to inspire and make maths magical for young learners.



you'll need:

- 4 gold craft hoops – 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch, sawn in half (we cut ours with a handsaw)
- Wood beads, 20mm. If the holes aren't big enough to string onto the loops, use a drill to widen them
- 90mm x 45mm board, cut to 410mm in length
- Resene testpots in the colours of your choice. We used Resene Kermit, Resene Bright Spark, Resene Hopskotch and Resene Yabbadabbadoo
- Resene testpot brushes
- Sanding paper
- Pencil and ruler

For a step-by-step guide to making this project, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/rainbow-abacus.

Right: Wall painted in Resene Tuft Bush, desk in Resene Travertine, abacus base in Resene Colorwood Whitewash and beads in Resene Kermit, Resene Bright Spark, Resene Hopskotch and Resene Yabbadabbadoo.

- Resene Travertine
- Resene Bright Spark
- Resene Hopskotch
- Resene Colorwood Whitewash
- Resene Tuft Bush
- Resene Yabbadabbadoo



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Wag-worthy

Keep your pup's walking accessories in order with this nifty leash holder. Get creative with other shapes such as a paw print, doghouse or dog silhouette.

you'll need:

- Piece of pine, measuring 400mm x 130mm
- Timber box - ours is a pencil holder, 120mm x 90mm x 90mm depth
- Drill, drill bits and screw
- 2 cup hooks
- Resene testpot brush
- Resene testpot in Resene Soft Apple
- Resene FX Blackboard Paint
- Artist's brush
- Chalk
- Pencil
- Dog bone template (optional)

For a step-by-step guide to making this project, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/wag-worthy.

Above: Wall painted in Resene Coconut Cream, leash holder in Resene Soft Apple and dog bone in Resene FX Blackboard Paint.



Jar of joy

Transform a basic jar into a stylish DIY pet treat container personalised to your pet.

you'll need:

- Glass jar
- Washi tape
- Resene Waterborne Sureseal
- Resene FX Blackboard Paint and/or Resene testpots
- Resene testpot brushes
- Chalk

-  Resene Coconut Cream
-  Resene Colorwood Bask
-  Resene Duck Egg Blue
-  Resene Indian Ink

Above: Wall in Resene Coconut Cream, shelf in Resene Colorwood Bask and jars in Resene Duck Egg Blue with Resene Indian Ink (left) and Resene FX Blackboard Paint.

For a step-by-step guide to making this project, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/pet-treat-jar.



Catnap heaven

Home decor meets kitty comfort in this purr-fect wall-mounted cat bed.

you'll need:

- Sturdy basket that will hold your cat's weight (we used size D34 x H32cm)
- Drill and drill bits
- 2 mudguard washers, 1/4 inch size, plus screws to fit
- Resene testpot brushes
- Resene testpots in Resene Cashmere and Resene Mocha
- Pencil, ruler and level

Above: Wall painted in Resene Coconut Cream, floor in Resene Black White, basket in Resene Cashmere and Resene Mocha, picture frame in Resene Half Fossil and line painting in Resene Gumboot. Basket from Briscoes.

-  Resene Half Fossil
-  Resene Cashmere
-  Resene Mocha
-  Resene Gumboot

For a step-by-step guide to making this project, visit www.habitatbyresene.co.nz/tips/catnap-heaven.

colour my world



Interior designer and host of the Resene *If These Walls Could Talk* podcast, Katrina Hobbs, takes design and colour inspiration from all parts of her life and all the people she meets along the way.

How would you describe your personal design style?

"Eclectic elegance" – I love an elegant space that tells a story, and quite often those stories have an endearing eclecticism to them.

What drew you to a career in interior design and styling?

After many years working in film and television, I wanted to explore another passion. Studying interior design was a wonderful outlet to help me express that side of my creativity.

Where do you find your inspiration?

I'm fascinated by both the art and fashion worlds. I often look to European fashion for colour and textural inspiration.

Do you have favourite personal items that you're drawn to because of their colour?

I have a favourite Issey Miyake skirt, which is splashed with vibrant colours.

I am also a mad book collector (I never quite got my head around a Kindle). I have a good collection of design books that I'm regularly adding to and that I often take colour inspiration from. Some of my favourites are *The*

Finer Things: Timeless Furniture, Textiles and Details, by Christiane Lemieux, *Architectural Digest at 100: A Century of Style* and *May I Come In? Discovering the World in Other People's Houses*, by Wendy Goodman.

What aspects of Australia inspired you creatively when you lived there?

Australia is a wonderful melting pot of cultures, each offering a unique take on colour representation. The environment changes vastly from state to state. I was lucky enough to present a travel series throughout Australia and loved experiencing the vastly differing flora and fauna within each place. Mother Nature is always at the top of my inspiration hit list!

What aspects of New Zealand's natural or built environment inspire your colour and design choices?

New Zealand also has a beautiful lush environment, very different to Australia but equally exquisite. I love spending time in the South Island, where there is such a wonderful range of rich and diverse colours.

What do you look forward to seeing in future colour trends?

I love that we're gently moving into a world where colour is more accepted. Fashion has definitely adopted a more colourful palette and I see more people choosing colour for their homes. There are so many wonderful options out there.

What was the most interesting thing you have learned while hosting the *If These Walls Could Talk* podcast?

I just love talking to people and finding out what inspires them. Meeting all the different designers and Resene technical and colour experts has been a real treat; each episode is like a masterclass in home renovation. You'll learn something useful by listening, even if



Above: "If I was redecorating my house these are the colours I would use," Katrina says. Background painted in Resene Sea Fog with plate and small vase in Resene Quarter Surrender, block in Resene Grey Chateau, wood trim in Resene Wafer and coral sculpture in Resene Tasman.

-  Resene Sea Fog
-  Resene Tasman
-  Resene Quarter Surrender
-  Resene Grey Chateau

top tip

Take a photo of your colour inspiration. Upload it to the Resene ColourMatch tool at www.resene.com/colourmatchonline to find a similar Resene shade.

you're an old hand at decorating! Each person's journey through design is unique and I love finding out how that continues to grow by talking to such a range of people.

What are your favourite Resene colours and combinations?

I love classic French shades to create a sense of serenity in my home. I'm looking to upgrade my lovely space with walls in Resene Grey Chateau, that touch of blue in the grey is so elegant. I'm going for trims in classic, soft Resene Sea Fog, with a front door in beautiful, sophisticated deep green Resene Karaka.



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Resene Loblolly

Above: Resene colour experts can help make your design dreams a reality. Wall painted in Resene Forty Six with floor finished in Resene Colorwood Shade. Table and vases in Resene Loblolly and Resene FX Metallic in Resene Digital Blue. Chairs from Forma, light from Lighting Direct. Project by Megan Harrison-Turner, image by Bryce Carleton.

Below: The Resene Eco.Decorator programme is a great place to find environmentally responsible painters like Johnny Warwick, from Profile Painters, who you might recognise from MasterStroke by Resene videos.

Find your local Resene Eco.Decorator, www.ecodecorator.co.nz.



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