

grey

Positive – Grey can enhance creativity, so it's a good office colour. As a neutral, it provides an unobtrusive and stylish background for all sorts of colour combinations and furnishings in all kinds of looks.

Negative – Used excessively, grey can exude a lack of confidence and fear. Pure grey can be suppressive and depressing.

Grey is a wonderfully versatile neutral, and as such, it morphs with fashion trends, appearing as a warm 'greige' (grey-beige) one decade, and a crisp Scandi dove grey the next. In any depth, it's synonymous with style and a certain urbane sophistication – whether it's a silvery off-white or a deep, grunty charcoal.

Silvery grey: Tones such as Resene Half Surrender appear luminous in a well-lit space. They are serene and whimsical, and look stunning with other greyed-off pastel colours. Warm soft greys with pale timber and textures.

Mid grey: This hue has a calming effect. True grey can be too cool for many people's liking, so adding a smidge of another colour will change its character. You can go warmer by adding a bit of brown to achieve a greige colour like Resene Half Friar Grey.

Storm grey: There's a big move towards greys with a touch of blue or green, like Resene Bounty or Resene Emerge. These slaty tones in their darker forms are smoky and moody. In paler forms, they are beachy and casual. A warmer twist to this palette is the purple-greys which are rich and warm.

Resene
Mine Shaft

Resene
Half Surrender

Charcoal grey: Elegant and restful, charcoals like Resene Mine Shaft look superb with creamy whites and shots of bold colour.

Grey combos to try:

- Mid greys with terracotta or ochre. Rich spicy browns to warm up the grey.
- Silver-grey and white with touches of deep charcoal or black.
- Turn the above combination on its head: go for charcoal walls with white accessories.
- Grey with orange, either deep, burnt forms or tangerine.
- Grey with pinky purples.

Right, top: Cabinets in Resene Half Rakaia. **Right, bottom:** Walls in Resene Gravel. **Far right:** Walls in Resene Nocturnal.

Resene Half
Friar Grey

Resene
Bounty

Resene
Half Concrete

Resene
Emerge



top tip

The best place to find a wide range of grey paint colours is in the Resene Whites & Neutrals collection – charts and palette cards are available at Resene ColorShops and resellers.

Resene
Quarter Delta 

