





Ratanui residence

Paraparaumu, Kapiti

 Resene Half Tea

Rachel Steinmetz of Appletree Designs studied and practiced Interior Design while based in Europe for six years. When she returned to New Zealand with her husband and they decided to build a home for themselves, it was naturally influenced by the European look that they had grown to love. In addition to this mash of a French industrial and contemporary county home, they wanted the open plan living that all kiwis love.

Making this home work for their young family was at the top of the priority list. They started by sketching out their own plans, which included all wishlist rooms and items. The architect then came back

and said "do you realise this house is over 500 square metres?" Needless to say, they now employ a cleaner.

For Rachel, the biggest wow factor has been the use of panelling on the walls and ceilings. These were both important elements and non-negotiables in achieving their desired look. A new modern build was turned into something timeless and unique.

The home is modern on the outside, with more traditional features inside. It needed to fit in with its landscape and with a love of dark coloured homes, **Resene Blackjack** was the perfect choice.

The interior colour palette was always going to be grey and white. This evolved as they started living in the home and the reality of children sunk in. A hit of colour was used, as was a patterned curtain to hide those dirty fingermarks.

Resene Black White was used on all woodwork and **Resene Thorndon Cream** was used above the panels, on the kitchen walls and in the main living area, along with **Resene Quarter Tea**.

A dark moody bedroom was created with **Resene Balderdash**. Their son's bedroom colour was inspired by bedlinen. Red was teamed up with **Resene Clouded Blue**.



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