


**HOME** This is our small homes issue, and people in small spaces normally shy away from colour and pattern. But what can colour and pattern bring to a small space?

**EMILY SOMERVILLE-RYAN** Small spaces often lack personality because of the minimal amount of floor space to fill with interesting and inspiring furniture. Making the most of surrounding wall spaces by injecting colour, depth and texture through paint is an excellent way to incorporate this and optimise originality. Patterns incorporating vertical lines give the impression of a higher stud and therefore make a small space feel more spacious.

**How did you choose the colours for this shoot, and how would you describe the way they work together?**

Because this is the small homes issue I chose a lighter colour scheme to brighten and lighten the compact space and maximise the light reflection in smaller rooms. With spring in mind, I have lent towards fresh greens and calm blues, suggesting the new growth of the coming season and incorporating the strong vertical and diagonal veins of spring leaves. This colour choice will inject freshness into smaller, stuffer spaces. The furniture has been kept to a minimum as not to clutter and overcrowd. 

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- Resene Spring Rain

# HOME. RESENE COLOUR CHALLENGE

Use colour to enhance small spaces and bring the outdoors in.

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Ladder by Menu, \$894 from Simon James Design; 'La Chaise' lounge chair by Charles and Ray Eames, \$11,720 from Matisse; 'Dama' stools by CR&S Poliform, \$2,600 each from Studio Italia.

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