

HOUSE TOUF COLOURS

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or the past four years, Resene has been associate sponsor of our popular NZ House & Garden House Tours. About 5000 people attend the tours annually, soaking up ideas and inspiration for their own homes. The comments we hear over and over are: "What colour is that room? What fabric is that? What is that beautiful wallpaper?" On these pages, we bring together a selection of tour homes and Resene paint colour swatches and advice so you can create the look without having to ask the question.

Top tips for choosing colours

- It can be hard to imagine how small swatches on a colour chart will look. Resene ColorShops have A4 swatches of thousands of Resene colours, made using real Resene paint, that you can view in their colour library. They're a great way to see a bigger swatch of the colour and mix and match them to create your scheme. The handy Resene ColourView slides in store allow you to instantly see how your colours would look in a room or on an exterior.
- Lighting will affect your paint colours, so it's important to plan your lighting at the same time and always test your colour with a Resene testpot at your home with your things. There's nothing like seeing a colour in situ to truly see if it is right for you.
- Choosing between shades of off white? Place a piece of printer paper next to each. This will help you to see the underlying tints in each colour.
- If you're feeling a bit stuck, use Resene's colour services to help you make your choices. Consult a Resene Colour Expert by visiting a Resene ColorShop or do it online at resene.co.nz/colourexpert. Send in your query, with or without photos, and the Resene Colour Expert will provide tailor-made suggestions.



Above: AUCKLAND TOUR 2016 (MATAKANA/OMAHA)

A classic weatherboard home often looks best in a subtle colour palette that works in harmony with the home's design. Choose one Resene colour and use varying strengths of it to pick out different areas, or contrast with Resene 'White' trims. The Resene Whites & Neutrals collection is an ideal starting point, where you can choose your favourite colour then opt for lighter and darker variants to suit. **Below: WELLINGTON TOUR 2016**

Crisp black and white is a timeless combination – for example, Resene 'All Black' with Resene 'White' trims. When painting a darker colour, consider using a Resene CoolColour, which makes painting exteriors in dark colours safer and easier. A Resene CoolColour looks like a normal colour but, thanks to special pigment technology, reflects more heat, so it doesn't get as hot as a standard colour would.



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garden. Painting garden furniture is a safe and easy

choice, repainting it is only an afternoon's work.

way to be brave with colour; if you don't like your first