

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 have brought together a selection of past tour homes and Resene paint colour swatches and advice so that you can create the look without having to ask the question.

Top tips for choosing colours

- Choose the surfaces that have the least options first – such as flooring, benchtop and roof colour – then choose paint colours.
- Colour can have a huge impact on how a room feels. Warm up a cool room by painting it in creams and reds. Or cool down a hot room with soothing blues and greens.
- Sometimes it's 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. They're a great way to see a bigger swatch of the colour and mix and match them to create your colour scheme. Or paint a Resene testpot onto A2 card. There's nothing like seeing a colour in situ with your things to truly see if it's right for you.
- 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, resene.co.nz/colourexpert. Simply send in your query, with or without photos, and the Resene Colour Expert will provide tailor-made suggestions.





Above: AUCKLAND (MATAKANA/OMAHA) TOUR 2016

Welcome in! There's nothing like a burst of colour for an instant pick-me-up. With a simple room colour palette, these door colours, Resene 'Bowie' and Resene 'Fuel Yellow', really stand out. Doors with window panes work well with bold colours, with the colour pop providing a creative frame around the glass. Try this for hallway doors too – you could allocate each door a colour to suit the room's personality.

Below: WAIRARAPA TOUR 2015

When you have a classic weatherboard home, often all that is needed is a subtle colour palette that works in harmony with the home's design. For a tone-on-tone look, browse through the Resene Whites & Neutrals collection, which has up to six strengths of each colour. If you're choosing greyed out or darker colours, consider using a Resene CoolColour to reflect more heat and help keep your home cooler.



stain to enhance the beauty of natural wood grain.