

Pastels

Pastels are less saturated than primary colours and offer a calm, soft, light feeling. The dreamy tones can take you back to simpler times, helping us escape from reality and colour-up a gloomy day.



Resene Vanilla Ice

TON Barstool, Statement iD



Elephants National Park Kenya, Trenzseater

Resene Dawn Chorus



Phenomena, Trenzseater

Resene Vitality



Resene Turkish Delight

Weave Austin, Warwick

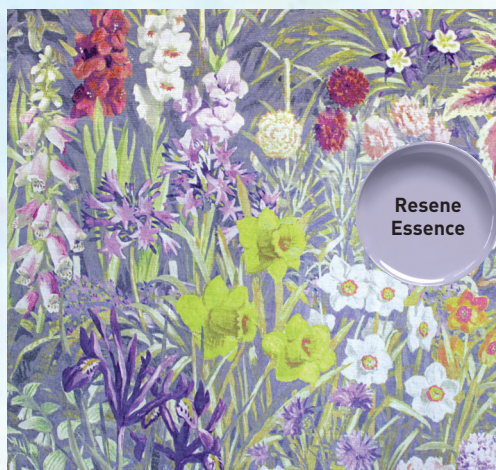
Pastel colours first became fashionable in 18th century France where excessive wealth prevailed. Romantic chalky pastel shades were the colours that decorated all the outfits and residences of the fashionistas of the times. Ultimately the French Revolution ended the reign of the aristocrats, and so the pastel colours were also ejected from their throne.

In the 1950s pastel colours enjoyed a renaissance. Every kitchen appliance in the western world was coated with a pastel tint. Pink, turquoise, mint green, blue, yellow; the soft colours spread their way across the globe. Nowadays most kitchens are decorated with various shades of grey, white, and black, creating a desperate need for a splash of colour. The Phenomena Pendant 04 light harks back to the 50's era, with hand-blown crystal around the light echoing tints similar to Resene Vitality, a minty green shade reminiscent of the kitchen appliance pastel-era.

In recent years, pastel colour schemes have made a resounding resurgence. Designers have dialled back on the tones, making them more reserved, subtle, and ultimately more accessible. Now a piece of furniture with a pastel accent can bring out some joy in a room without being sickly sweet.

The Weave Austin Cushions are the perfect example of design restraint. Resene Turkish Delight coloured cushions act as a perfectly balanced accent in a room filled with neutral tones, without being too intense or overbearing.

Pink is one of the most iconic pastel colours and is traditionally associated with a baby girl or a young female bedroom. The TON Leaf Barstool tosses aside



Resene Essence

Gails Garden Dusk, Martha's Furnishing Fabrics

the preconceived notions about pastel pink; it's subtle Resene Vanilla Ice shade cushion seat can help create depth in any dining area. The use of soft pastel colours like pink allows you to transform any dull or lifeless space into a lively yet sophisticated room.

Living up a room can be as simple as finding the perfect art piece that adds just the right dash of colour. Tasteful artworks made of pastel colours can be a simple solution. Trenzseater's Elephants National Park Kenya framed print perfectly captures the dreamy peachy tones of Resene Dawn Chorus.

The classic pinks, blues, greens and yellow aren't the only pastel colours, in fact, every colour under the rainbow has a pastel version. Muted greys and purple are a very mature way to decorate any room, from sophisticated bedrooms to stylish living rooms and kitchens.

The Vinnie chair is upholstered with a gentle washed-out grey pastel, reminiscent of Resene Double House White. Furniture covered in neutral tones has a smart look, and with the addition of pastel coloured cushions acting as an accent this simple and



Resene Double House White

Vinnie Chair, Big Save Furniture

stylish chair becomes a perfect piece of furniture for creating a space to relax and escape from the world.

The Gails Garden Dusk fabric from Martha's Furnishing Fabrics contains the muted neutral tones akin to Resene Essence, a hazy splash of pastel colours that will add visual interest wherever it resides.

Pastel colours aren't just for the indoors, and neither is DEDON'S BRIXX collection. Designed by Lorenza Bozzoli, the collection is versatile and simple, yet sophisticated, just like the colour similar to Resene Sazerac it uses.

It wouldn't be a true showcase of pastel colours without pastel blue. The Milly Bed with duvet in a colour similar to Resene Scandi perfect for any child's bedroom; its chalky calming blue tones could help anybody fall asleep. ●



Resene Scandi

Milly Bed, Big Save Furniture



Resene Sazerac

DEDON Brixx, DOMO Furniture

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