

DESIGN IN COLOUR

With layers and courtyards, Herbst Architects create a sophisticated retreat at Matapōuri.

The key to this beach house at Matapōuri is in its balance – between open and closed, light and dark – and its crisp restraint.

There are two very different zones in the house. In the bedrooms, Resene Quarter Merino creates a fresh but warm look, in contrast to the living area's dark timber and plywood wall linings, painted with Resene Bokara Grey, which also features on structural steel. Completing the elegant picture? A plastered wall of Rockcote Otsumigaki, in Resene Perfect Taupe.