



stripe it lucky

Heather Cheer of Waterview in Auckland loves stripes and toyed with the idea of a colourful feature wall for years before making it a reality. "I saw some tips on how to achieve a sharp paint line on a UK TV show and I've wanted to create my own striped wall ever since," says Heather.

There was an even more poignant reason to paint a bedroom in a gender-neutral mix of aqua and pink – Heather and her husband Matthew Cheer are thrilled to have been officially selected to adopt a child. "We set about creating a unique colour scheme in our nursery to be ready for the arrival of a baby boy or girl at short notice," says Heather. It doubles as a welcoming space for their two-year-old niece and 18-month-old nephew when they come to stay.

To achieve the stripes, Heather mocked up a painting template on the computer and played around with different stripe widths and colour combinations before making a final decision. "The easiest part of the project was choosing the colours from the huge range available at Resene. The whole job was very budget-friendly because we only needed two to six testpots per colour, although we did use a lot of masking tape.

"By painting the masking tape edge with each stripe's neighbouring colour and allowing it to dry before painting the stripe, we stopped the inevitable 'bleeding' under the masking tape and were able to achieve a nice sharp line."

Top A set of wall-hung shelves allows stuffed toys to be put on display, and because they're white they don't detract from the stripes. **Above left** Heather Cheer loves the result of her precise paint job. **Above** These fabric wall decals from Charlotte & Austen add a whimsical touch to the bedroom and complement the stripe painted in Resene 'Pirate'.

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