



Design in colour

Adele McNab takes a subtle approach to the renovation of a contemporary rammed-earth home.

When something is as good as this, the wisest thing to do is as little as possible. In this case, architect Adele McNab worked delicately to update and extend a Tāmaki Makaurau home designed in the early 2000s, while respecting the distinct language of the original.

To the rammed-earth walls and cedar cladding, she added a lightweight timber box, then connected the two with a recessive, gentle palette. Where the existing cedar had been painted an unfortunate blue, McNab specified Wood-X Wood Oil in Endeavour (available from Resene ColorShops), a warm, earthy neutral. Similarly, all interior walls are painted with Resene Titania, a pale, elegant grey that helps to establish a distinct sense of calm in this family home.