

# in the pink

LeeAnn Yare is a powerhouse - an interior designer, international pilot, store-owner and mother.

### What do you love most about your busy, multi-faceted life?

The variety. I'm very lucky to be able to combine my love of travel and my love of design, and to share both with my family. I'm continually inspired by what I see and experience in my travels, and this translates into how I decorate and style my home, and design or source products for my store Collected. Inspiration is all around us which, for example, from a recent family holiday to San Francisco was anything from a painted pattern in a street art mural, all four of us designing customised Converse high tops, to vintage hexagon tiles found on the floor of a washroom at Alcatraz.

### Tell us a bit about your current ventures.

Following *New Zealand Interior Style*, my first interiors book with photographer Larnie Nicolson, comes our second book *Rooms to Love*, an interior style book packed with loads of inspiration and how-to tips and tricks, which goes on sale at the end of October. As well as styling and writing features for some of my favourite interiors magazines, I'm also working on a series of in-store style guides for Resene, and continuing to curate and design new homewares to add to our own Collected brand of products for my store.

### How would you describe your personal style?

Mixed not matched, collected and curated, not too serious, and continuously evolving.

### What is your favourite decorating colour and why?

I don't have one, I have many! It depends on the situation and what I am trying to create. The colour palettes I am drawn to are always changing, but what I'm loving right now is muted pastels with pops of bold colour and just a touch of metallic.

I do get asked a lot for my go-to shade of white, which is Resene Quarter Black White.

### What do you love most about your own home?

I'll be honest, it's not my dream home. It's about creating the best personality filled home that you and the people you share it with enjoy. Our home changes constantly, as I try out new ideas with colour or pattern or layout,



or as our two boys grow and their needs and loves change. I chose paintable anaglypta wallpaper for our lounge wall, so it's easy to change on a whim. It started out white, then turned black, and currently it's soft pink (Resene Cavern Pink). The boys' rooms are ready for a few updates. Tyler's already chosen bright tangerine for two walls in his room.

### What are your three favourite colours from the new Resene The Range fashion colours 16?

I could have chosen a dozen colours from the new fandeck. Choosing just three, I'll make up for the fact that I wasn't that into pink as a child and choose Resene Memphis Belle and Resene Sakura. I've been a fan of neon for a while and Resene Memphis Belle is a slightly muddled hot pink that doesn't scream at you. Resene Sakura is a lovely soft pink and if you add my third choice, the acid yellow Resene Bright Lights, it gives an edginess to the combination and stops the pinks from becoming too sickly. I love these citrus yellows at the moment.

### Is there a colour you would never use in your own home?

Never is a strong word, as there's always a place for everything. I'm not a huge fan of beige. I think it's been so over-used simply because homeowners think it's safe and don't spend time looking at the alternatives. When I get asked about using neutrals I always suggest considering shades of white or grey over beige. They don't date as easily, and will work with everything. **H**

LeeAnn loves these

- Resene Sakura
- Resene Memphis Belle
- Resene Bright Lights