

bathroom

lush luxe

Painting the walls with a meadow of Resene Clover brought the bushy surroundings of this home indoors.

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The original bathroom presented some challenges for Designer Natalie Du Bois of Du Bois Design (www.duboisdesign.co.nz). Not only were things looking pretty lacklustre, the frosted windows were obstructing the captivating view of the bush outside and made the room feel closed in and cramped.

“My client had a clear love of colour,” says Natalie, “and her wardrobe and personality were equally as colourful. It baffled me when she asked for a black and white bathroom. But, she came around to my suggestion of introducing bold colours into the design, which was much more in tune with her character and her lifestyle.”

Natalie suggested Resene Clover to bring natural warmth into the space and echo the greenery outside. She paired it with a charcoal crushed marble bath and basin, a rough-textured crown cut oak shelf and tall recessed storage unit.

“I wanted the guest bathroom to have a really bold and dramatic look, so I chose to keep all the painted areas in the same green colour. The two opposite walls and the ceiling became one form with no boundaries.”

Natalie’s client was initially unsure about the idea of continuing with Resene Clover on to the window shutters. But once they were painted, she could see how the shutters draw the eye out into the leafy scenery on the other side of the glass, bridging the gap that would have been created with a contrasting colour.

“It was a bold choice to paint the walls, ceiling, doors and shutters all green, but it introduces a lot of colour while leaving open the possibility to easily change it later.”

Colour consistency wasn’t the only strategy Natalie used to help the space feel more complete. She also used a repetition of rounded shapes – fish-scale tiles and penny mosaics, a rounded bath, basin and mirror, and dark aged iron tapware – to finish off the look. **H**

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Top left: The walls, ceiling and shutters of this verdant bathroom are painted from top to bottom in Resene Clover.

Bottom left: While it may not have been the traditional choice, painting the window shutters Resene Clover helped tie the interior look to the vista of the bushy exterior.