

welcome

Although it has only been a few short months since I've joined the *habitat* by Resene team, it's been an absolute pleasure to become part of the Resene family. They have empowered me to breathe life into ideas that have only previously existed in my imagination and embrace the opportunity to collaborate with creative stylists, interior designers, architects and their dedicated staff.

The magazine you are holding is a very special one - we are officially 15 years old and 30 issues in. *habitat* by Resene has fully grown up and taken on a life of its own, something that's only been possible thanks to committed readers like you.

I love that ideas you find in *habitat* by Resene are first and foremost accessible to each and every person who holds it in their hands. It shows that you - yes, YOU - are fully capable of making anything you find in these pages happen under your own roof, with your own two hands. Beautiful homes aren't just for the rich. They're also for people who are inspired and motivated to roll up their sleeves, grab a brush and get 'er done.

Resene would like to thank Sharon Newey for the hard work she put in during her decade-long tenure as editor. We wish her the very best in her new adventures.

And while I hope you love what you're about to discover in the pages that follow, I cannot wait to show you all the ideas, inspiration and ingenuity that we have in store. If you aren't following them already, I encourage you to keep an eye on our blog, newsletter, Instagram, Pinterest and Facebook feeds because you're not going to want to miss what's just on the horizon.

Laura Lynn Johnston editor

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three of my favourites from the new fandeck



It's amazing how time flies. It's often said it's best to avoid the teenage years, but at Resene we're embracing them. Not only is this year the 15th birthday of this magazine, there's another special 15th birthday we're celebrating many happy returns for too.

What seems like just a few years ago, Resene begun collecting used paint. In the beginning, a small number came flowing in one day each month. While each paint can recycled may not seem like much, a little action repeated regularly really does start to add up. In 15 years, the Resene PaintWise programme has had over three million packs of paint returned – and that tally rises daily.

Rather than thinking of it as waste, the best part of collecting partially-used paint is all the things you can do with it. Over 250,000 litres of paint has been donated to community groups, much of it to cover graffiti – enough to coat nearly three million square metres!

Over 600,000 kg of packaging has been recycled. Paint cans are made into other metal goods and plastic pails are given a second life as Resene 100% recycled plastic pails. An eye-watering amount of solvents have been recovered from the oil based paints and reused in other industries, materials that would normally have just gone to landfill.

Both of these important birthdays have something in common – we wouldn't be celebrating either of them without your support and your suggestions that help us to continue to improve them. So thank you for helping us raise two wonderful teenagers. With your help, we look forward to them growing into adulthood.

Happy decorating!

the Resene team

P.S. Visit www.resene.com/paintwise to find out more about Resene PaintWise. If you're in Australia, Resene is part of the Paintback service to help you recycle.

