

welcome

The cooler months are a great time to take inventory of what we have: what should stay, what should go and what's missing altogether. When we see the same things day after day, it's easy to become unconscious of them. The objects in your home become just a couch, just a chair, just a cushion – and you might stop feeling a connection to them because you're not even really seeing them.

We can create more meaning inside and outside our homes through the things we collect, by choosing objects to reflect exactly who we are: representing our cultures, aesthetics, travels, wishes, dreams and treasured memories. When done well, this process takes some time. So if you feel uninspired by your surroundings, it's a good sign that your decorating isn't done – or maybe, it never even really started.

To kick things off, take stock of what you like and don't like, then pick one way to enhance your favourite space. Pick a new paint colour or wallpaper, purchase a piece of original art, paint over that boring plant pot or splurge on one dream piece that is reflective of the type of life you want to live – so long as it's something you really, truly love.

That one simple change will likely inspire other changes to follow, allowing you to get a glimpse of the bigger picture. You'll not only be able to see all the pieces that are part of your larger decorating equation, but it can also be an opportunity to learn more about yourself and the things that influence you and your choices.

We hope what you find in this issue of *habitat* helps inspire a positive shift towards something that's in better alignment with everything that makes you, you.

Happy reading!

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Three of my favourite colours from the Resene Multi-finish range



There's something immensely satisfying about finishing a decorating project – that sense of pride and achievement that you've truly transformed something. Then comes the joy of sharing the story of your decorating journey with others as they admire the new look.

Just as a new haircut can make you feel like a new and improved you, so too can a new look for your home. Sure, no one likes the cleaning and sanding bit; but once that's done, lifting the lid on that luscious colour you chose and watching it swirl as you stir it brings with it a definite sense of anticipation. Even a new coat of the same colour over an existing one still adds a freshness that you can feel.

The hardest part is often getting started in the first place. Sometimes the fear of getting it wrong stops us from making any progress at all. Where to start, which colours, which paints and

wallpapers and how to go about getting all of that onto the wall, ceiling, floor or whichever area is being transformed.

It's easy to get over that hurdle. There is plenty of inspiration and ideas out there just waiting for you, and our experts in store, online and over the phone are always happy to provide you with advice and ideas, every single step of the way – just reach out and ask for their help when you feel like you need a little guidance or even just reassurance that you're on the right track.

Take your time with your choices and immerse yourself in the decorating journey – you might surprise yourself with just how much you enjoy it.

Happy decorating!

the Resene team

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