

adore your door

Resene
Black White 

It's easy to open the door to colour.

Nothing says welcome home quite like a brightly coloured front door. In fact, of all the areas in your home, your front door has the maximum impact per square centimetre and – best of all – you can paint it in an afternoon.

Tegan Williams, the National Association of Women in Construction's Tradeswoman of the Year 2021, finds painting doors extremely satisfying.

"I love the classic high-gloss look painted with a brush. When I get to paint a door, I always walk away happy," she says.

It's a job you can complete in a few hours, but she says the trick to adorable doors is to take it slow and steady and "use a brush".

Doors take a lot of knocking, both intentionally and accidentally. That's why the paints Resene recommends for doors are waterborne enamels Resene Lustacryl (semi-gloss) and Resene Enamacryl (gloss), or you can use Resene Super Gloss enamel. These hardwearing paints give your door added durability and make it easier to clean off fingerprints, dirt and dust.




Resene
Element

Hello sunshine

Shayden, Georgia and Frankie the dog, Christchurch

Shayden and Georgia wanted to make a good first impression when selling their villa. The Christchurch couple, who run the Instagram and YouTube channel Mooch Style, decided to go for gold, using Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel in Resene Galliano.

"We remember how the yellow caught our eye, so we wanted to update the existing shade of yellow and refurbish the brass knob," says Shayden. The couple chose Resene Walk-on tinted to Resene Element for the porch, and Resene Lustacryl in Resene Momentum (try Resene Cumin) for the poles, trims, roof and shutters. They chose Resene Half Surrender for the weatherboards. Success! The house sold, and now they're onto their next renovation.

 Use a high gloss finish, such as Resene Enamacryl, to make your front door colour pop.

-  Resene Galliano
-  Resene Ebony Clay
-  Resene Black
-  Resene Blackjack



-  Resene White
-  Resene Villa White
-  Resene Half Surrender
-  Resene Copyrite
-  Resene Adrenalin
-  Resene Cumin


Resene
Ash

Adrenalin shot

Yvette and Phil, Lower Hutt

Colourful couple Yvette and Phil love the tropics and even have a tiki bar in their home. So, when it came to painting the front door of their 1950s home, it's no surprise they channelled orange hibiscus with Resene Adrenalin. "We knew we wanted a bright colour. We agreed on a shade that made us think, 'Orange you glad you're home'. We also painted both sides of the door to bring a pop of colour to our hallway," says Yvette.

The door jamb is Resene White, and for the steps, they used Resene Non-Skid Deck & Path tinted to Resene Ash with Resene Ebony Clay for the edges.

Resene
Big Bang 

Dark Knight rises

Fiona and Dane, Wellington

When Fiona and Dane's 1940s ex-state house needed an upgrade, Fiona chose to go brave and bold using Resene Dark Knight CoolColour on the weatherboards and Resene Big Bang on the door. "We knew the door had to be bright, but there are so many awesome colours to choose from. We used the Resene palette generator (www.resene.com/palettegenerator) to get complementary colours to Resene Dark Knight and went with Resene Big Bang," says Fiona. The steps and house foundation are Resene Copyrite, the trims and soffits are Resene White and the stencil detail is painted in Resene Walk-on in Resene Eternity.

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Dark Knight  Resene
Eternity




*What's your door personality?
What does your door colour say
about you? Read more at
www.habitatbyresene.com/doorquiz.*



Glam is my jamb

**Jasmine Vallance,
Ivy Jean Interiors Auckland**

When Jasmine Vallance put the first coat of Resene Glamour Puss on her front door, her neighbours were just as excited as she was. "I heard the neighbour gasp with excitement and say, 'Quick! Look what the neighbour's done!' That same excitement and joy greets me every day when I come home from work. It's an instant mood lifter." A previous owner painted the plastered exterior, but the stairs are in Resene Walk-on in Resene Black and the architrave is Resene Lustacryl White.

Resene
Glamour Puss 

entrance ideas

Eight easy steps to painting a panelled door

1. Using 220 grit zinc stearate sandpaper, lightly sand to remove any imperfections and wipe clean. If painting a new door, prep with Resene Quick Dry primer or Resene Enamel Undercoat.
2. Wedge the door open to paint the door jamb, the side-post or lining of the doorway. Jamb's are usually painted the same colour as the door or as the architraves/trims.
3. Paint the edges of the door. Use a wet cloth to wipe any excess paint from the edge.
4. Paint the internal grooves and the panels.
5. Paint the face of the panels, laying off (redistributing) the paint to minimise brush marks.
6. Paint the inside sections of the panels (called mullions), starting at the panel joints.
7. Paint the outer part of the door (called rails). If painting around a doorknob, mask it up and use a smaller brush to cut in. Or remove if you can and replace after the paint is dry.
8. Repeat to apply a second coat.

Resene
Cut Glass 

Resene
Coast 

Going coastal

Hannah and Phillip, Napier

First-home owners Hannah and Phillip say renovating their 1910 casa in coastal Napier is a dream project. Though their home predates Art Deco, the couple decided to pay tribute to Napier's dominant style by designing lead lights for their door, which Villa Leadlights in Nelson then created for them. They painted their door Resene Coast with the jamb in Resene White, tying in with the off-white stucco painted by the previous owner. "There's still plenty to do on this renovation and not even this front entrance is finished, but the door makes such a big difference – and street appeal is everything," says Hannah.

Resene
Irresistible 

Gossy and glossy

**Ginene and Jamie,
Matakana**

Inspired by their daughter Jasmine's Resene Glamour Puss door (see above), Ginene and Jamie painted the front door of their black board-and-batten home in Matakana in Resene Irresistible, using Resene Super Gloss. "I managed to twist their arm and convince them they needed to paint their front door hot pink too. Maybe I'm a bad influence," says Jasmine.



Berry nice

Joanne and Chris, Dunedin

A draughty door with a cat-flap prompted Joanna to buy a new door for her 1970s state house before visiting her local Resene ColorShop to choose a vibrant red. She selected Resene Red Berry for the door, Resene Blackjack for the step and Resene White for the architrave. "I painted the door in Resene Lustacryl semi-gloss waterborne enamel and it came up looking a dream," she says. She loved the experience so much she now works part-time at her local Resene ColorShop. Next on the list is changing the colour of the exterior weatherboards from Resene Villa White to Resene Blackjack.

 Resene
Red Berry

