

testpots

Resene Serene 

√ quite simply, what it says

If it says Simply Cotton on the label, that's what you'd expect, right? And that's just what you get with new Simply Cotton bedlinen from Linens & More. For devotees of cotton sheets, these are woven from luxurious, pure 100% cotton percale, for that distinctive crisp, fine, smooth finish. Available in three elegant styles and a range of fashion colours, they are crease resistant, easy to care for and – best of all – combine quality with value for money. You'll find Simply Cotton bedlinen at selected retailers nationwide, or you can phone 0800 LINENS or visit www.linensandmore.co.nz for your nearest stockist.



< fusion science

For those who believe furniture can double as art, Design Mobil has created Fusewood. By taking short lengths of rimu and fusing them together through an intricate jointing process, the company creates a vibrant mosaic-like pattern in the finished timber panels of its two Fusion headboard options – one featuring inbuilt storage – and its full Fusion furniture suite. See www.dm.co.nz/fusion-space.html for more information.

Resene Bluegrass 



∧ right white

With the Resene top 20 colours list dominated by neutrals, the ever-popular Resene Whites & Neutrals flat chart has just been tweaked to ensure all top 20 colours are represented. Featuring four strength variants of Resene Spanish White, Resene Tea and Resene Pearl Lusta, together with a mix of Resene's most popular colours, it's the ideal starting point for your project. And it's available free to all customers, both retail and commercial. The revised chart is available in-store or you can order it online from www.resene.co.nz or www.resene.com.au.

Resene Bianca 





^ top of the pots

Curious what the top 20 most popular Resene colours are, based on current testpot sales? Here goes:

1. Resene Spanish White
2. Resene Half Tea
3. Resene Half Spanish White
4. Resene Tea
5. Resene Napa
6. Resene Sisal
7. Resene Biscotti
8. Resene Akaroa
9. Resene Double Spanish White
10. Resene Stonewall
11. Resene Parchment
12. Resene Lemon Grass
13. Resene Alabaster
14. Resene Pearl Lusta
15. Resene Solitaire
16. Resene Quarter Tea
17. Resene Half Sisal
18. Resene Half Pearl Lusta
19. Resene Quarter Spanish White
20. Resene Half Napa

Resene Spanish White 

v colour call

Last year's popular addition to the Resene paint menu, Resene SpaceCote Flat, has recently been made available in pastel, light, mid, deep and ultra deep tones, as well as the initial white and off-whites. This means this flat finish can now be tinted to most Resene colours for use on your interior surfaces and wet areas. Visit www.resene.co.nz for more information.



Resene Centaurian 

handy orders

Resene has made it even easier to access samples of your favourite Resene colours, with a new online ordering system. This lets you order A4 drawdowns from the Resene website without leaving home. You can order thousands of Resene colours from www.resene.co.nz or www.resene.com.au.

Resene Melting Moment 

v tile file

Fresh onto the internet is the Tile Warehouse website; a treasure trove of tiles for those thinking ceramic. There's even a tile selector that lets you enter the size, location etc of where your tiles will be used and will then conjure up a list of recommendations. What's more, if you already have a Resene colour scheme in mind, simply email the details to The Tile Warehouse and they'll recommend tile options to suit. Check it out for yourself at www.tilewarehouse.co.nz.



< absolutely essential

Natural, volatile extracts from aromatic plants have been long prized for their restorative effects on the mind and body. Now, with an Aromastone from essential oil specialist Absolute Essential, you can safely and cost-effectively diffuse the pure aromas of your Absolute Essential essential oils throughout the room. The device is lightly warmed by electricity, and is designed to sit on a flat surface and be left switched on. You can find out more by visiting www.absoluteessential.com.



Resene Escapade 



^ it's a promise

How many companies promise the earth and then really don't want to know when their products don't perform as expected? Resene recently codified its commitment to stand behind its paint in a formal promise of quality document. This assures consumers that they can expect the Resene paint they purchase to provide film adhesion and film integrity for the period stated on the expected paint system life chart – if it doesn't, Resene will supply the replacement paint to fix it. You can view a copy of the Resene Promise of quality online at www.resene.co.nz/pdf/promise_of_quality.pdf or ask for it from your Resene ColorShop or representative.

Resene Ashanti 

v i-Strip

Hands up those who loathe the preparation that goes before a painting project. Then i-Strip is for you. It's an innovative paint removal system, developed in Sweden, which uses infra-red technology to remove paint and varnish from timber. Using i-Strip, deep, low temperature infra-red heat penetrates the wood, drawing moisture and resins to the surface and breaking the bond between the substrate and the bottom layer of paint or varnish, so that all layers can be removed at once without damaging the timber. It takes 20 to 60 seconds for a Speedheater 1100 to heat the surface to be stripped, depending on the paint type and layer makeup. The coating then bubbles up and separates from the wood, ready to be scraped off while the next section is being heated. Once stripped, the surface is ready to be painted immediately. i-Strip is available from selected Resene ColorShops (NZ only) or you can visit www.i-strip.co.nz to order.



Resene Bauhaus 

v made by hand

In 1993, Robert Hood was a builder and Emma Davis was a commercial property lawyer. Today, having tired of both careers, the pair are the founding inspiration behind Ashton Grove. The company designs and hand-crafts furniture in classic French provincial and old English styles, using only the finest imported French wood and traditional cabinet-making techniques. You'll find Ashton Grove outlets in Christchurch, Auckland, Wellington and Melbourne, or visit the website at www.ashtongrove.co.nz.



complementary colour

Funky hues and retro designs have become a recent trademark of Smeg fridges. Now Resene has created a range of colour scheme options for each of the Smeg coloured fridge ranges, to help get you started in incorporating your new fridge into your kitchen. You can check them out free online in the Resene colour library at www.resene.co.nz/swatches/index.htm. Or for more on Smeg fridges, see www.applico.co.nz.

Resene De Janeiro 

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inspired >

Swatches meet inspiration in the Interior Design Collection, drawing on shades and textures from nature, architecture and design in a set of six colour schemes developed by Yellow Fox. Showcased in a magazine-style publication matching palettes with inspiration sources, the collection incorporates Interior products Bestwood Melamine, Bestwood Natural Wood Veneer, Stonex and Varia with leading design products, including favourite colour swatches from Resene. For your copy, visit www.interior.co.nz or call 0800 570 500 (NZ).



Resene
Aqua 

interiorsonline

Looking for inspiration for your interior? Hop into interiorsonline, www.interiorsonline.co.nz, a new easy to use, comprehensive directory service to help you furnish or renovate your home. Free to browse, save and print a personal 'places to visit' list, including address, opening hours and your own notes, grab your keys and start shopping.

Resene
Alluring 

v outdoor reception

Fancy a weather-proof TV, to complement your outdoor fireplace and sound system, and so you can watch the game from around the barbecue table? Sanyo's brand new 42" LCD is water and dust proof, protected by a sealed metal cabinet, and with a non-glare acrylic panel on the screen that's damage resistant and easy to clean. And its high-definition image has a viewing angle of 178 degrees, so guests at the head of the table don't miss out. Its model number is CE42LM4WPR and you'll find it at selected Sanyo visual dealers.



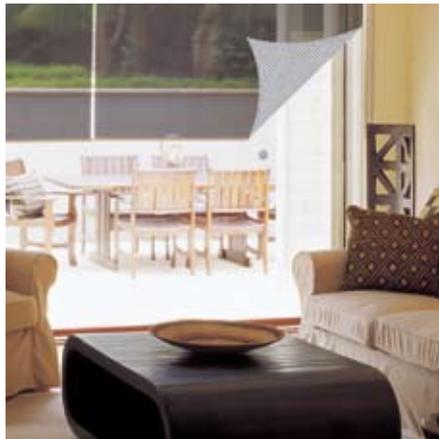


v circular colour

On the shoulders of Sir Isaac Newton and Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Bauhaus Swiss colour and art theorist Johannes Itten was responsible for refining the colour wheel. He used red, yellow, and blue as the primary colours and modified these further to twelve hues including secondary and tertiary shades. Resene's long-standing colour wheel was based on Itten's ideas and was designed to simplify colour selection. It lets you work to basic colour scheme guidelines, such as complementary, split complementary and analogous shades, to quickly develop colour palettes. For your copy of the Resene colour wheel visit a Resene ColorShop or contact your local Resene representative. For more on colour wheels see the Resene website www.resene.co.nz/pdf/ColourWise/colourwheel_newsletter.pdf.

^ energised walls

Fans of original '60s and '70s graphic design should take a look at the new Retro Deluxe wallcovering collection from Pacific Wallcoverings. This is an album of flowing modernist freehand forms that seriously put art on the wall. Eye-catching graphic patterns on a large scale are dominated by bright orange, green and pink, in spirals, waves, offset printed circles... or go for an pop-art black and white design. Take a look at www.pacwall.co.nz or view the range at your Resene ColorShop (NZ only).



Resene
Sublime 

Resene
Spinnaker 

^ revolutionary silverscreen

Rollershade sunscreens are the latest innovation in this fashionable, yet practical, segment of the blinds market. Using a patented technique developed in Holland, Silverscreen fabric features a film of aluminium on the external side of the blind. This reflective layer vastly reduces heat and glare, but still allows views to the outside. Available from LaHood Window Furnishings, phone 09 638 8463 or visit www.lahood.co.nz.



^ seasoning

There's now a lifeline for those confused about colour choice, why they like some shades and not others, and how to mix them. Hop onto the Resene website and play the new colour personality game. Your answers to a quick series of questions will see you classified into a spring, winter, summer or autumn colour personality. It's a great tool for those struggling to get started with colour, and also includes tips for blending the seasons for households with several colour personalities under one roof. Visit www.resene.co.nz to play.

Resene
Streetwise 

space-age solution

Lack of space is an issue in many laundries, so for the domestic goddess with a lack of storage, Robinhood has come up with the new Supertub2. It offers masses of storage and easy-shift roll-out drawers, so there's no longer any need to grope around in the back of dark cupboards on your hands and knees. And there's a Supertub2 Slimline version for those smaller laundries too. You'll find the Robinhood Supertub2 at good appliance stockists or visit the website at: www.robinhood.co.nz.

Resene
Party Mix 

v match-making with a difference

Value-conscious homeowner, 32, from Auckland, seeks designer – any age or location. Must be a bargain hunter and know your Phillips from your flat-head! Looking for that special partner? Alone? Frustrated? Can't find an interior designer who understands your avant-garde style? For you, ProductSpec.net was developed by Wellington architectural director Jon Thompson. It's the a online match-making service for New Zealand architects, designers, specifiers, tradespeople and product suppliers, which is the ideal tool for homeowners searching for the right building industry professional or product for their project. It lets you quickly track down specific products and providers, bookmark products and pages of interest, add your own notes, create project files, and share those files among approved users. It also provides wider information, technical specifications, news and event listings, industry forums, employment opportunities and competition listings. Log onto www.productspec.net for a look.

