

Soaking Up Colour

Resene Colour Consultant Nikki Morris guides us through colour use in the bathroom

Bathrooms can be beautiful and stylish statement spaces. No longer just practical rooms for bathing or cleaning your teeth, they are becoming more luxurious and comfortable; they are a calm and refreshing space focused on self rejuvenation.

Colours can be used in bathrooms in a variety of ways. Colour lovers might choose to use a defined paint colour for added wow factor, or perhaps tiles will become the core colour feature by creating interest in the flooring.

Guest bathrooms are the perfect spaces to try something different and unexpected; they are generally the bathroom that is only used for a short amount of time so can take on something with absolute punch and wow factor. Try Resene Zinger or Resene Pirate Gold for a unique look!

Many bathrooms feel cool, especially on cold winter mornings, and if this sounds like your bathroom opt for warm colours, such as those in the red, orange or yellow family, and avoid cool blues and greens which will make it feel even colder. Resene Pohutukawa, Resene Pavlova and Resene Rock Spray are yummy colours full of heat for accenting and warming up spaces.

The key to keeping bathrooms beautiful when using colour is not to overpower the room with multiple colours or fixtures, it's about keeping the room feeling fresh and clean while maintaining an element of beauty. Aim to use no more than three colours, including towels and accessories – make one the hero and two the supporting act.

To make sure your colour choices keep looking good, also make sure you choose the right product. Use the Resene Kitchen and Bathroom range with anti-bacterial silver and MoulDefender to help protect against mould and bacteria. ■

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TOP In this shabby chic inspired bathroom, layers of neutrals soften the impact achieved by the flooring. **LEFT** This rustic, yet modern bathroom sees its tongue and groove panelling painted as a feature, offsetting the calm sandy cream on the walls and providing a stunning backdrop for the distressed cabinet vanity. Create this look using Resene Emerge or Resene Half Robin Egg Blue with Resene Double Bianca or Resene Half Thorndon Cream. Avoid using a grey based white and instead opt for a slight cream or yellow undertone to maximise the feeling of warmth and balance.

