

Looks like fun

We love pink and blue as much as the next people, but how about something new? Here are two gender-neutral mural ideas that are neat for kids and easy on parents' eyes too.

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MIND GAMES

Creating a space that encourages open-ended play, this geometric design provides endless possibilities for make-believe.

1. Use a roller to paint the entire wall with 2-3 coats of Resene Tussock, then allow to dry. Aim to give your design some breathing room by keeping about 20-30cm from each edge shape-free.
2. Create the arch by ruling two 110cm vertical lines about 75cm apart, then connect them at the top by tracing a semi-circle using a pencil attached to a piece of string pinned 110cm from the floor in the middle of the two lines.

3. Mask out the arch with painter's tape. To achieve the rounded edge, overlap small pieces of tape bit by bit.

4. Use a roller to paint inside the tape with 2-3 coats of Resene Zinzan. Once dry, remove the tape.

5. Use the same method to mask out a second semi-circle near the ground, this time slightly wider; ours is 125cm. Repeat step 4 with Resene Ringo.

6. To create the staircase, draw a 75cm horizontal line $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the arch, then add five 15cm steps. Mask with tape; repeat step 4 using Resene Atmosphere.

7. The triangles extending down from the roof are about 30 x 60cm, but go for whatever works in your space. Repeat the process using Resene Rumour Has It.

BACKDROP Wall in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Tussock, **triangles** in Resene Rumour Has It, **arch** in Resene Zinzan, **stairs** in Resene Atmosphere, **semi-circle** in Resene Ringo, **floor** in Resene Walk-on in Resene Atmosphere, resene.co.nz. **OPPOSITE, FROM LEFT** Wooden **wall pegs**, \$3.50 each, fatherrabbit.co.nz. Kanken Mini **backpack**, \$125, dappermrbear.com. **Hula hoops**, \$6 each, thewarehouse.co.nz. **Globe cushion**, \$160, klay.co.nz. Studyboy 2 **Crate desk**, \$820, meluka.co.nz. Follow Me **lamp**, \$349, concreteblush.com. **Bear tumbler**, \$17, littlewhimsy.co.nz. Bear **Snackie bowl and plate set**, \$39, dappermrbear.com. Arnold Circus **stool**, \$250, precinct35.co.nz. Fun Food **fruit** by Play Studio, \$4/set of six (painted in Resene Atmosphere, Ringo and Zinzan), thewarehouse.co.nz. Lego **storage brick**, \$85, toyco.co.nz. Mosslanda **picture ledge** (painted in Resene Rumour Has It), \$29, akia.co.nz. Wooden **animals**, from \$20 each, naturebaby.com. Numero 74 **futon**, \$160, concreteblush.com. Wooden **tamborine**, \$29; Mini **cymbals**, \$29, dappermrbear.com. Castle Maypole Taffeta **cushion**, \$109, smallacorns.co.nz. Sweetheart Chair **pillow**, \$100, littlewhimsy.co.nz. **Books and coloured pencils** stylist's own. **ABOVE LEFT Jump rope** by Kids Essentials, \$4, thewarehouse.co.nz. **Finley overalls**, \$50, naturebaby.com. **Coathanger** stylist's own.



Resene Zinzan



Resene Tussock



Resene Atmosphere



Resene Ringo



Resene Rumour Has It



CHIPS AHOY

A composite marble or granite material popularised by modernist architects, we turned terrazzo's confetti-ish look into a playful backdrop for a baby's room.

1. Use a roller to paint the entire wall with 2-3 coats of Resene Truffle, then allow to dry.
2. Roughly sketch out on a piece of paper the terrazzo-look pattern you want to create on the wall, then use this as your guide. We used three colours: Resene

Seachange, Resene Dawn Chorus and Resene Paddock.

3. Use a pencil to draw outlines of your shapes on the wall, then mask them out with painter's tape. To create ragged edges, rip pieces of tape in half lengthways before sticking them on the wall. The more different angles and edges you can create, the better.
4. Use a roller to paint 2-3 coats of each of your chosen colours inside the tape. Once dry, remove the tape, assess the overall look, then repeat the process to create some additional smaller shapes that intersect with the larger ones.

BACKDROP Wall in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Truffle, **terrazzo shapes** in Resene Seachange, Resene Dawn Chorus and Resene Paddock, **floor** in Resene Walk-on in Resene Coffee Break, **resene.co.nz**. **ABOVE LEFT** Uno cot, \$1650; Cot **sheet set**, \$129, fohfum.co.nz. **Muslin wrap**, \$35, naturebaby.com. Lucky Boy Sunday Birdie Blue **toy**, \$90, littlewhimsy.co.nz. Blabla Cactus **pillow**, \$135; Castle Dusty Blue Velvet **lumbar cushion**, \$115, smallacorns.co.nz. **ABOVE RIGHT** Mosslanda **picture ledge** (painted in Resene Tussock), \$19, akia.co.nz. **Wooden stacking bear**, \$24, dappermrbear.com. Forest Suit **overalls**, \$50, naturebaby.com. **Coathanger and books** stylist's own. **OPPOSITE, FROM BOTTOM LEFT** Comback **rocking chair** by Kartell, \$1357, backhouse.nz. Web Weave **rug**, from \$715, nodirugs.co.nz. Mini Dressing Knit **blanket**, \$75, littlewhimsy.co.nz. Casey **cuddle bunny**, \$30, naturebaby.com. Mr Gradi **snake**, \$179, concreteblush.com. Contrast **light shade**, \$299, cittadesign.com. Luggy **basket**, \$90, gathered.nz. Miniature Funkis **house**, \$230, concreteblush.com. Suzy's City **wooden block set**, \$65, littlewhimsy.co.nz. **Hand-felted mushrooms**, from \$13 each, blackbirdgoods.co.nz.



Resene Seachange



Resene Dawn Chorus



Resene Truffle



Resene Paddock



Resene Coffee Break