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To determine how colours will work in different lighting, select the colour you think you want to use, plus Resene Testpots in a shade lighter and also darker. Paint a patch of each colour next to the window, and in a darker area to compare how the colour is affected by the light. Also, view how they look at different times of day and night, before you make your decision.



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If you're wanting to create a dramatic look with a deep colour palette, take note of your light sources. Natural light will help soften dark walls, so you can amp up the colour for a rich hue. If you're relying on artificial light, consider lightening the tone to make the space feel brighter.

WORKING WITH LIGHT AND DARK

HOW TO BRIGHTEN DARK COLOUR SCHEMES FOR YOUR INTERIOR

Wherever possible, it is best to develop a lighting plan at the same time as your paint scheme. For example, if you decide to paint any of the rooms in a dark colour, you're likely to need more lighting than if your walls were pale and would therefore reflect the light.

PAINT



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When using a dark colour on your walls, create contrast within the space by adding furniture and accessories in lighter colours such as Resene Rice Cake, Resene Barely There, or Resene Pearl Lusta.