

“ And just like that the Christmas season is upon us yet again. A time to reflect on the year, enjoy time out with friends, family or your favourite hobby and recharge the batteries to see you through next year. Thank you from all the Resene team for your support in 2008. We wish you and your family and friends a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to working with you in the New Year. ”



And to get you into the Christmas mood, we have a few Christmas jokes...

Parents beware...

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house I searched for the tools to hand to my spouse. Instructions were studied and we were inspired, In hopes we could manage "Some Assembly Required."

The children were quiet (not asleep) in their beds, While Dad and I faced the evening with dread: A kitchen, two bikes, Barbie's town house to boot! And, thanks to Grandpa, a train with a toot!

We opened the boxes, my heart skipped a beat... Let no parts be missing or parts incomplete! Too late for last-minute returns or replacement; If we can't get it right, it goes in the basement!

When what to my worrying eyes should appear, But 50 sheets of directions, concise, but not clear, With each part numbered and every slot named, So if we failed, only we could be blamed.

More rapid than eagles the parts then fell out, All over the carpet they were scattered about. "Now bolt it! Now twist it! Attach it right there! Slide on the seats, and staple the stair! Hammer the shelves, and nail to the stand." "Honey," said hubby, "you just glued my hand."

And then in a twinkling, I knew for a fact That all the toy dealers had indeed made a pact To keep parents busy all Christmas Eve night With "assembly required" 'til morning's first light.

We spoke not a word, but kept bent at our work, 'Til our eyes, they went bleary; our fingers all hurt. The coffee went cold and the night, it wore thin Before we attached the last rod and last pin.

Then laying the tools away in the chest, We fell into bed for a well-deserved rest. But I said to my husband just before I passed out, "This will be the best Christmas, without any doubt.

Tomorrow we'll cheer, let the holiday ring, And not have to run to the store for a thing! We did it! We did it! The toys are all set For the perfect, most perfect, Christmas, I bet!"

Then off to dreamland and sweet repose I gratefully went, Though I suppose there's something to say for those self-deluded... I'd forgotten that BATTERIES are never included!



It's the thought that counts...

After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift.

"How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk.

She showed him a bottle costing \$50.

"That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30.

"That's still quite a bit," Tom grouched.

Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle.

Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap."

So the clerk handed him a mirror.



Tricky gift...

The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap.

Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother, please," said the young lady.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What do you want me to bring her?"

Without blinking she replied, "A son-in-law!"

Strategic shopping...

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant.

"That's no offence", said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened."

But before we escape off for a well deserved holiday, here's a quick run through some of the **highlights for 2008** just so we know we didn't sit around all year twiddling our thumbs...

We started the year with a clean sweep so to speak with the launch of new **Resene Timber and Deck Wash** designed especially for cleaning exterior timber for a quick and easy clean. Quick and easy cleaning – what's not to like?!



The 101 uses of paint equipment.

There is nothing like being a professional painter for having a wealth of knowledge of what to do (and what not to do) on the job to get the products achieving the result you want. But even with all that wealth of knowledge, it's still good to be able to pick the knowledge out of other people's brains too. **The Resene Professional Painter**

booklets have hatched repeatedly this year and now there are booklets to cover most painting situations, each full of useful flowcharts and tips and tricks. Which means you can put all that knowledge to work at your place and reap the benefits.

Mid year the heat got turned down on Mother Nature's thermostat so in came the **wintergrade products**. Not content with the same old same old, **Resene Wintergrade Sonyx 101** and **Resene Wintergrade X-200** joined the line up. Debutant **Resene Wintergrade X-200** barely hit the warehouse floor before it was snapped up and out of stock for the rest of the season!



The four seasons painter braves winter with a little help from the Resene Wintergrade range.

And where would a Resene year be without some colour? **The Range 2009** didn't let the side down with a fashion range of colours that will have your clients surrounding themselves in fresh fashion colour for at least the next year.

And on the note of colour, green has always been important at Resene and this year was no exception. The **VOC Free tinter range** started in 2007 was rolled out further this year so now thousands and thousands and thousands of colours can be tinted without unwanted VOCs. **Resene Broadwall Waterborne Wallboard Sealer** also went VOC free in 2008, and **Resene Ceiling Paint** moved to being just 1 gram per litre VOC. So if you're looking for no/low VOC inside you've got lots of Resene options to choose from.

As a nice pat on the back, **Resene PaintWise** won a Green Ribbon award and Resene won the **Sustainable Business Network Large Trailblazer award**, which were added bonuses to celebrate the work that continues to be done.

If you're a paper fan, then the paste the wall papers and new **Resene Wallpaper Collection 2011** will have given you a range of new options to inspire paper loving clients and with 2011 in the collection name, you know these styles are built to last.



The perils of stripping wallpaper.

With the warm weather on the horizon it was time to add some more timber products to the collection. **Resene Timber Surface Prep** is one of those products that you buy a can and keep it handy in the back of the van, then when you run low you grab another one, so that you always have one on hand just in case. It's brilliant for less than perfect timber surfaces and since timber is by nature not 'perfect' there's a lot of places you can use it.

And to get the ever important outdoor furniture back in good nick in time for barbecue season, **Resene Timber and Furniture Gel** sprung to life. A thick non-drip gel, you can apply it without having to move the furniture, which means minimum work maximum result.

And with the time clock ticking down to year end, I'll have to dash. Of course there were lots of other highlights, but you'll have to rely on your memory for those. Hope you get time out to have a break over the holiday period. Catch you in 2009!



Stay hydrated over summer!



More news next year!
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