

“ The weather is warming up and the end of the year is racing towards us, which means now is the time to get that schedule sorted to ensure you have everything ready so you can excuse yourself from work for an extended holiday. If you have more jobs than time, the new paste-the-wall wallpapers might be just the trick to slash your wallpaper application times... ”



## Quick smart

The **Resene Wallpaper Collection 2011** includes an excellent range of popular wallpapers including four **Paste-the-wall** paper options.

**Paste-the-wall** products have a specially developed backing that does not expand, allowing it to be hung dry, without having to soak in water, straight from the roll. You 'paint' the paste onto the wall.

Most people reckon this cuts the decorating time by about a half – and because the pasting table process is eliminated, it's less messy too. For those who haven't tried it out yet, here's the easy way to use these new papers...



1. Don't paste the entire wall before starting to hang your wallpaper. Simply paste one section of the wall at a time so that the paste doesn't dry out. Allow some overlap – paste a bit more of the wall than just the width of each cut piece.

2. Slide the paper into place and check the match. No need to rush.

3. Then trim off to fit at the bottom edge.

And when your clients decide it's time for a new look, 'paste-the-wall' wallpapers usually peel off easily – simply lift a corner at the base of the wall and peel upwards.

Information courtesy of [www.visionwalls.co.nz](http://www.visionwalls.co.nz).

## DVD on demand

While specifying green is normally something the architects and architectural designers take care of, it still pays to keep up with the play on developments so that you can ensure you are meeting the requirements of the specifiers you work with and your eco focused clients. The **Resene specifying for sustainability roadshow**, covering **Greenbuild**, **Green Star NZ** and **Resene sustainability** initiatives hit the road earlier this year. The popular two hour long seminar was filmed and free copies of the DVD are available on request from **Resene representatives** or email [update@resene.co.nz](mailto:update@resene.co.nz) with your name, company and postal address and we'll pop one in the post to you.

When thinking about sustainability paint has quite a role to play. Obviously paints are generally designed to protect the substrate they are painted onto reducing the need for replacement and maintenance, but there are some less obvious benefits too:

- You can make a room's temperature feel more comfortable with careful paint selections – warm colours, like reds and yellows, warm up cool rooms, while cool colours, like blues, will reduce the perceived heat in hot rooms. So even if the temperature is identical to what it was prior to the painting, we humans will perceive the space differently.
- Paint is very useful as a camouflage – painting a high ceiling and pipes black or another dark colour to make them disappear reduces the need to install ceiling tiles or plasterboard. This means fewer products are used to complete the project.

- And for the more artistic, trompe-l'oeil, which can be anything from painting a concrete floor to look like tiles, to giving the illusion of depth to make a space more comfortable. With this technique, nothing has to be torn out to create the new look, no new products need to be manufactured, shipped and installed – all it requires is the paint and the painter... and some patience!

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### That's cool

Wanting to know which **Resene** colours are available in the **Resene Cool Colour** technology? Check out the online Resene swatch library at [www.resene.co.nz/swatches/index.htm](http://www.resene.co.nz/swatches/index.htm) and select the **Cool Colours** option. As colour charts are updated you will also see a small CC next to colour names – this indicates that those colours can be made using the **Resene Cool Colour** technology. And if all else fails, just check with Resene ColorShop staff and they can confirm whether your colour choices can be made 'cool'.



## Glove up hard talk

The Glove up team has provided some food for thought in the bid to keep everyone safe at work...

### Potent as alcohol

Solvents still form the base of many paints, and it pays to remember that they can have the same effect on you as excessive consumption of alcohol. If you are overexposed to solvents on the job, you can be as dangerous on the road as a drunk driver, and you could be more prone to accidents if you are working on ladders or scaffolding. And if you combine overexposure with a cold beer at the end of a long day on the tools, the risk is even higher. If you are feeling the effects of solvent exposure, move to a well ventilated area away from the solvents. Seek medical attention if needed. Do not drive yourself if you are suffering from the effects of solvent exposure. And next time you tool up for the job, make sure you have personal protection equipment before you start.



### Silica

Alkyd undercoat contains silica, as do most cement based products, floor and tile glues etc. This dust is carcinogenic, so when you are sanding these products remember to mask up and protect yourself, and wet sand wherever possible.

The choice is yours – but if you know the dangers, you can do something about them and protect yourself.

### Identify your solvents to mask type

Take notice of colour coding of the cartridges.

Consider this: you might have a situation where you are using Toluene based paint, then the next day you could use an Acetone based paint and the same cartridge. The Toluene solvent that has been capsulated in the cartridge will be dissolved by the Acetone and blow the capsulated solvents straight through into your lungs making the cartridge useless.

That is why it is important you identify your solvent then match to the correct cartridge.

**One cartridge one solvent. Don't cross over solvents, it doesn't work.**

### Dust in the workplace

Customwood MDF; According to American statistics, 1 in 10 who use this product develop nasal carcinomas. This product contains formaldehyde, which is carcinogenic. So remember to use a dust filter on your machinery and wear an appropriate mask. Make sure the builders clean up before you start work. Have you ever seen borer in Cedar timber? Maybe that is why, the dust from Cedar is carcinogenic. Next time you sand down timber window frames be sure to wear a mask - it is that simple.

*Thanks to Tony and Annette Gibson of Glove up.*

## Installing a husband

### Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in overall system performance, particularly in the Flower and Jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as Rugby 5.0, Cricket 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

*Signed,  
Desperate.*

### Dear Desperate,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an entertainment package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command: `ithoughtyoulovedme.html` and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update.

If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, **do not** under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources).

In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7.

*Good luck!  
Tech Support*

### At your fingertips

Resene has a wide range of tools available for professional painters, most of which are available for ordering online. To keep things simple we have linked these to a page in our website and added a request a representative visit option, so if you need a representative visit and are not sure who to call you can pop into our website and complete the online request. You'll find the ordering form and link to the representative visit request online at: [www.resene.co.nz/paintdec/tradeorders.htm](http://www.resene.co.nz/paintdec/tradeorders.htm) or click on **Painters** in the menu bar and select the **Order stationery/brochures** option.



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