

Refresh and update

Dark, moody shades or light, soft tones, the latest paint colour trends give your home fresh ambience



RESENE 'Viktor' RESENE 'Organic' RESENE 'Nocturnal'

Create a reading nook

Our lives are busy. We aren't aware of just how much we need a place to stop and recharge. How can we seek respite in our fast-paced lives? What we need is a place to escape to, where we can get offline and restore. Try creating a relaxing reading nook, even if space is limited it may still be possible - you might have an unused corner or an awkward space under the stairs. Ensure colours here are muted: soothing, soft blues, restorative greens and comforting creams.

RESENE 'Half Duck Egg Blue' RESENE 'Inside Back' RESENE 'Passport'



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RESENE 'Zinza' RESENE 'Frozen' RESENE 'Half Dusted Blue'

Break it up

There's no need to use one colour on all four walls - play around with colour in your home. Feature walls are an easy way to update a tired-looking room, especially when using a strong colour. In the future, they can be painted over in a different hue when you're ready for another change. Repeat the colour on your furnishings, such as cushions and tables, echoing it throughout the room. Try using a softer version of your colour in other parts of the space, perhaps even on another wall. An interesting way to bring colour into a room is by way of a dado - the lower part of a wall in a room. You can paint the upper half in a complementary hue for a crisp, clean look.



Form a focal point

When a fireplace is allowed to be part of a room's décor scheme, it provides a valuable focal point that also anchors the space. A fireplace can be instantly freshened up by painting it in a hue that contrasts with the wall colour for a hint of drama or a soft colour that blends in with a more subtle look. For a modern aesthetic, try surrounding the fireplace with accessories in a variety of materials such as glass, ceramics and wood.

RESENE 'Chalk Dust' RESENE 'Road Trip' RESENE 'Dark Side'

Spring is here and with it often comes an urge to make changes around the home. Perhaps you're inspired to improve the house to put it on the market or you're craving a new look that makes your heart sing. Painting your interior is a fast, easy and low-cost way to give a dated space a real update. Read on for ideas on how you can fall in love with your home all over again this spring.

Dare to go dark

Cosy, calm and cosmopolitan, Resene's moody colours are a way to create a cocoon-like retreat. And there's no need to shy away from the dramatic look dark colours provide - embrace it. • The key to decorating with dark colours is to include plenty of contrast: try adding shiny or light-coloured accessories.

- Choose warm, dusky shades with depth of colour.
- Your ceiling can be made to seem higher and the walls taller by using the same colour on the walls and trims.
- Choose a floor colour that's from the same tonal family as your wall colour but with a point of difference.
- Finish with a layer of textile textures and fresh foliage to add some depth, and further bring the room to life.

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