

stylists' colour loves

Amber Armitage

When it comes to putting together my favourite colours into palettes, I am drawn to a monochromatic palette with an added pop to set it off. So, this might be a family of blues like Resene King Tide, Resene Time After Time and Resene Half Dusted Blue with a contrasting pop of Resene Twisted Sister. Or, it could be grouping earthy tones such as Resene Crowdpleaser, Resene Shabby Chic and Resene Sunbaked together, offset with a deep green like Resene Atlas. I like to find a balance of light and dark, bold and recessive colours by the quantities used of each colour.

Right: Background in Resene Shabby Chic with vessels (clockwise from top) in Resene Atlas, Resene Crowdpleaser and Resene Sunbaked and A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from left) Resene Crowdpleaser, Resene Sunbaked and Resene Atlas.

Megan Harrison-Turner

No colour sits in isolation; they all need to work together with one another in a scheme. Where people are liking the idea of dark exteriors but are limited by the existing colours on the roof or aluminium joinery, I have found Resene Dark Web, Resene Suits, Resene Thunder Road and Resene Porter – which works beautifully with Resene Element – to be fantastic colours for outdoor use. They are more interesting than colder blacks, work wonderfully with our landscape and make building a colour scheme a breeze. Indoors, Resene She'll Be Right, Resene Half Pohutukawa and Resene Wishing Well have been a treat to use in projects that have a lot of grey fabric or leather and pale wood furniture. These colours also make artwork really pop.

Right: Background in Resene She'll Be Right, plate in Resene Half Pohutukawa and A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from left) Resene Wishing Well, Resene Porter and Resene Half Pohutukawa.

-  Resene Dark Web
-  Resene Suits
-  Resene Thunder Road
-  Resene Porter
-  Resene Element
-  Resene She'll Be Right
-  Resene Half Pohutukawa
-  Resene Wishing Well



-  Resene Shabby Chic
-  Resene Time After Time
-  Resene Half Dusted Blue
-  Resene Twisted Sister
-  Resene Crowdpleaser
-  Resene Atlas



Emily Somerville-Ryan

I love the idea of using Resene Peace in a bedroom. It is warm but still fresh and would look great with crisp white bedlinen and a blue/grey bedspread. Somewhere between pale blue and grey, Resene Remember Me is the perfect choice for a boy's room and is a great backdrop for the multitude of colours that make up a lad's stuff. I'm obsessed with coloured kitchens at the moment and Resene Raindance would look amazing on kitchen cabinetry. Paired with a concrete benchtop and Nordic look wood details you will create a modern yet timeless space. Create a gorgeous moody bathroom with beautiful Resene Excalibur on the walls. Paint over wood panel walls for extra texture, add concrete tiles on the floor and a simple white or wood vanity to create a laidback Hamptons style room.

-  Resene Excalibur
-  Resene Peace
-  Resene Remember Me
-  Resene Raindance

Left: Background in Resene Remember Me, tray in Resene Raindance, vases in Resene Peace and Resene Excalibur and A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from left to right) Resene Peace, Resene Raindance and Resene Excalibur.

Vanessa Nouwens

As a child of the 70s, I feel like I am being taken back in time at the moment with all the small ditsy floral prints on cushions and bedlinen. These prints are teamed with rattan headboards and cane furniture all of which is making a comeback in interior trends. Unusual colour combos are the way to go with strong colours of caramel and rust which are being teamed with soft pastels of lilac and pale blues. Resene Swiss Caramel, Resene Remember Me and Resene Dreamtime are perfect examples of this.

Right: Background in Resene Sunbaked, bowl in Resene Remember Me, tealight holder in Resene Swiss Caramel and pot in Resene Dreamtime.

-  Resene Swiss Caramel
-  Resene Remember Me
-  Resene Dreamtime
-  Resene Sunbaked



Annick Larkin

Right now, I'm completely enamoured with the muddier palette of navy, lilac, sage and muted creams. I love this refined combination of colours as they all pair beautifully with one another and look great mixed with natural elements such as timber, warm metals and indoor greenery. A rich navy hue – such as Resene Twilight Zone or Resene Coast – creates just as much drama as black, but its complex undertones make it a warmer and more welcoming choice. Lilac is a fantastic alternative to blush as an accent colour – my go-to is Resene Ethereal – which is delicate and sophisticated as well as being somewhat less feminine than pink. Resene Grey Olive and Resene Rice Cake are my favourite neutrals – they're elegant and warm and can be mixed with just about any colour, making them an ideal choice for any paint project.

Left: Background in Resene Coast, tray in Resene Ethereal with small vases in (clockwise from left) Resene Twilight Zone, Resene Rice Cake and Resene Grey Olive.

-  Resene Twilight Zone
-  Resene Coast
-  Resene Ethereal
-  Resene Grey Olive
-  Resene Rice Cake

Kate Alexander

My favourite Resene The Range fashion 20 colour is – hands down – Resene Green Meets Blue. I've used it to define all four walls of my open plan lounge which now feels luscious, cosy and encompassing. To keep it fun, I've contrasted this soft grey green with the punch of Resene Endeavour and Resene Hive. It also hangs out nicely with the new mushrooms, mauves and violets like Resene Sixth Sense, Resene Whimsical and Resene Eye Candy. Or pair it with Resene Secrets and Resene Unwind for a gentle, grey-green tone-on-tone scheme.

Right: Background in Resene Green Meets Blue with vases (clockwise from top) in Resene Endeavour, Resene Dreamtime, Resene Sixth Sense and Resene Hive and A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from top) Resene Unwind, Resene Secrets, Resene Hive, Resene Sixth Sense and Resene Endeavour.

-  Resene Endeavour
-  Resene Hive
-  Resene Sixth Sense
-  Resene Whimsical
-  Resene Eye Candy
-  Resene Secrets
-  Resene Unwind
-  Resene Green Meets Blue




Melle Van Sambeek

Resene Indian Ink reminds me of a dark stormy sky. I love a moody palette and this colour is a great one for those brave enough to discover the dark side. It's the perfect colour to create a cave-like room, all-enveloping and cocooning. Paired with wood and brass accents, soften it with soft furnishings in shades of tobacco and caramel. Resene Soulful reminds me of summer and the gentle shades of ice-cream and sorbet. It's perfect for a beautiful little girl's room layered with accessories in mustard and terracotta for extra interest. Resene Peace reminds me of nature, and natural hues are in the spotlight at the moment. It would be beautiful in a lounge, layered with deeper shades of green and neutral accessories. Bring the outdoors in by filling vases with green foliage from the garden and layer with rattan baskets, wood and cream throws.

 Resene Indian Ink

 Resene Soulful

 Resene Peace

 Resene Ethereal

Left: Background in Resene Ethereal, vases in Resene Peace and Resene Indian Ink and A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from left to right) Resene Peace, Resene Indian Ink and Resene Soulful.



Gem Adams


My husband and I have been renovating our 1910 cottage for the last few years and the end is finally in sight! Of course, it's always Resene that comes up with the goods, and I have been poring over the Resene The Range fashion colours 20 fandeck to add that perfect little hint of colour to our otherwise neutral home. We have painted our tongue-and-groove bathroom cabinets in the rich scrubby Resene Waiouru green with Resene Stonewashed making an appearance around the mirror. Resene Grey Olive brings a modern traditional putty to the mix, and I can't go past the classics like Resene Black White – it's unparalleled as the base colour of our home.

-  Resene Waiouru
-  Resene Stonewashed
-  Resene Grey Olive
-  Resene Black White
-  Resene Sunbaked
-  Resene Sante Fe

Left: Background in Resene Sunbaked with lidded containers in Resene Santa Fe and Resene Stonewashed, vases in Resene Waiouru and Resene Grey Olive and A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from left to right) Resene Santa Fe, Resene Stonewashed, Resene Grey Olive and Resene Waiouru.

Greer Clayton

For me, the change of seasons always fires up the colour palette with a desire to repaint rooms and reinvent living spaces! A recent change-out in my daughter's room, where there is less natural light, meant we opted to go deeper to enhance the bedtime mood. The Georgie Wilson artwork also played a role in bringing in accent colours such as Resene Raintance, Resene Bismark and Resene Bi Hoki, which work with softer tones like Resene Helix and Resene Secrets. But, the hero colour is Resene Green Meets Blue on the walls, which really packs a punch. I'm always an advocate for letting artwork lead the palette as it can help push you in braver colour directions.

-  Resene Raintance
-  Resene Bismark
-  Resene Bi Hoki
-  Resene Helix
-  Resene Secrets
-  Resene Green Meets Blue

Right: Background in Resene Green Meets Blue (left) and Resene Secrets (left), plate in Resene Helix, vase in Resene Raintance, coat peg in Resene Bismark and sunburst pot in Resene Bi Hoki.

