bedhead
and feature walls

Whether your bed has a bedhead or not, making a feature of the wall against which the bed sits is a popular decorating strategy. Creating a feature wall helps to frame the bed and visually anchor it into the room. It means the bed looks less like it has just been plonked into the room.

An easy way to do this is to choose a bold paint colour, for example a deep charcoal with the other walls in pale grey, or rich terracotta with other walls in creamy off-white.

Or you can be more playful by using painted patterns or motifs, or a slightly outrageous or decadent Resene wallpaper.
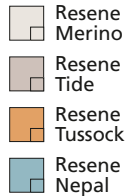
Visually anchoring the bed against a feature wall covered by a luscious Resene wallpaper is hugely on-trend – and it's no wonder with the enormous range of wallpapers and murals available at Resene ColorShops. Any colour, pattern, style and texture are there for the taking. Or rather hanging.

Using wallpaper is a great way to ring in the changes as trends or tastes shift. For the price of a couple of rolls you can have an entirely new look.

Painting a pattern on the wall is fun and often easy. It could be chevron stripes, vertical stripes, off-set rectangles, a simple house shape or cityscape, a swirl of bubble-like circles or stylised flowers or leaves. Inspiration is endless.

Or keep the look simple and paint a bedhead shape on the wall – a long low rectangle behind the bed, or a shorter wider one.

Left: Headboards are a way to introduce colour, texture and style into a bedroom. An asymmetric curved headboard can evoke Art Deco or even Bauhaus style. Wall in Resene Triple Merino, flooring in Resene Merino, headboard in (from left to right) Resene Tide, Resene Tussock, Resene Nepal, Resene Americano and Resene Smooth Operator and bedside tables in Resene Nepal (large) and Resene Tide (small). Artwork by SolsticeStudioPrints on Etsy.

Resene Merino

Resene Tide

Resene Tussock

Resene Nepal

Above: Painted headboard in Resene Moccasin (try Resene Desperado) and wall in Resene Alabaster. Bedroom by Jasmin Vallance.

Right: Wall in Resene Rakaia, floor in Resene Quarter Rakaia, headboard in Resene Shark with stripe in Resene Rakaia, bench in Resene Shark, round plinth side table in Resene Santas Grey, basket (with olive tree) in Resene Jimmy Dean, round tray, medium vase and bud vase in Resene Explorer, rectangular tray and shell coin bank in Resene Chenin, scalloped lampshades in Resene Santas Grey and painted book and lidded container in Resene Wax Flower.

Resene Quarter Rakaia

Resene Triple Merino

Resene Smooth Operator

Resene Desperado

Resene Alabaster	Resene Rakaia	Resene Santas Grey
Resene Americano	Resene Shark	Resene Jimmy Dean
Resene Explorer	Resene Chenin	Resene Wax Flower

top tip
To create an arch, use a pencil, string and drawing pin like you would use a protractor to create the curved top.

What about the floor?

Remember to include the floor in your overall scheme. If you've chosen a breezy, coastal look for example, try Resene Colorwood Whitewash on timber flooring. If you have a moodier scheme, there are many darker colours in the Resene Colorwood wood stains range, or for a shabby chic or Parisian look, try Resene Colorwood Greywash.

If your hard flooring is not worth enhancing, get artistic by adding a stencilled pattern on the floor – the design possibilities are endless. Consider painting a 'rug' around where the bed sits to visually anchor it.

Above: Create a maximalist look by layering patterns – starting from the floor and working your way up. To create the floor pattern, paint the base in Resene Rice Cake with a stencil design in Resene FX Paint Effects medium mixed with Resene Tangaroa. Lower half of wall in Resene Tangaroa with battens in Resene St Kilda, top half of the wall in Resene Wallpaper Collection 37520-2 and headboard in Resene Stromboli painted with pin stripes in Resene St Kilda. Artwork by Grace Popplewell from endemicworld.

Resene Rice Cake
Resene Tangaroa
Resene St Kilda
Resene Stromboli

Left: Embrace hygge, a mood of cosiness and comfort. Walls in Resene Juniper, floor in Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash, headboard in Resene Dover White, bench in Resene Balderdash, pendant lamp in Resene Double Sea Fog with Resene Rose Gold metallic paint, bedside table in Resene Double Sea Fog (top and base) and Resene Hammerhead (underneath), Vertical ribbed vases in Resene Balderdash and Resene Double Sea Fog and ombre plant pot in Resene Celeste (top), Resene Terrain (middle) and Resene Cobblestone (bottom). Artwork from Kmart.

Resene Hammerhead
Resene Rose Gold
Resene Dover White
Resene Juniper
Resene Colorwood Whitewash
Resene Colorwood Light Greywash
Resene Colorwood Mid Greywash
Resene Balderdash
Resene Double Sea Fog
Resene Celeste

Resene
Quarter Parchment

Resene
Double Parchment

Resene
Terrain

Resene
Blue Night

Resene
Baltic Sea

What about the ceiling?

You spend a lot of time lying in your bed so the ceiling might be the surface in the room that you look at most. Why not paint it a colour other than white or cream? Continue your wall colour onto your ceiling for a cosy cocooning effect. Try a dark inky blue, such as Resene Blue Night, reminiscent of the night sky. Add some Resene FX Nightlight glow-in-the-dark stars and… nighty, night.

Right: The ceiling of this bedroom designed by interior designer Amber Hamilton features walls in Resene Double Parchment and a ceiling is Resene Baltic Sea – these colours accentuate the cornices and ceiling rose which are painted in Resene Quarter Parchment.

Resene
Cobblestone