Resene
Clockwork
Orange

Resene
Wafer

Resene
Coral

Resene
Wan White

Resene
Quarter
Periglacial
Blue

Resene
Quarter Robin
Egg Blue

Resene
Teal Blue

Resene
Grass Hopper

Resene
Zumthor

Resene
Blumine

Resene
Hive

Resene
Sugar Loaf

Resene
Coffee Break

A vibrant palette of colours make the spaces in these townhouses feel bigger than they are.

Developing two small townhouses on a rear lot in suburban Christchurch would ordinarily lead to small boxes with low ceilings, painted neutral shades inside and out. When building two townhouses – one to live in, one to rent – architects Paul Anselmi and Maria Chen realised white would only make them feel closed in. Cue a vibrant palette of colours that make the spaces feel bigger than they are.

Resene Blumine is a beautiful backdrop to the kitchen, opposite a living area in Resene Zumthor. Resene Grass Hopper, meanwhile, takes you up the stairs under the skylight to bedrooms in Resene Teal Blue and Resene Quarter Periglacial Blue… It is a confident, bold palette that works beautifully.