

Design in colour

The search for a long-lost colour yields a delightfully cheerful palette inspired by pools and water.

Frank Stark and Emma Bugden conducted an exhaustive research process to establish what they called “pool blue” – an imaginary colour inspired by the paintwork of the Gonville Swimming Baths, now the site of their new home. It’s impossible to tell, really – the surfaces are a blur of different paint jobs, blended together by decades of chlorine and sun.

In the end, the couple settled on half-strength Resene Jordy Blue as “pool blue” – while inside, they broadened the theme with doors painted variously in Resene Oxygen, Resene Opal, Resene Foam and Resene Perano, contrasting with the concrete and timber. Together, the palette feels jaunty but cooling – like jumping in on a hot summer’s day.

