

# red's the one

Red makes for a fun feature wall.

**A**fter a couple of years in their new house, these homeowners knew there was something missing. That 'something' was a bit of personality and character. The house was mostly decorated in neutral colours, including bathroom walls in Resene Double Alabaster, and while that was relaxing, it wasn't very interesting.

They sought help from interior designer Debra DeLorenzo ([www.delorenzodesign.co.nz](http://www.delorenzodesign.co.nz)) who, as part of a wider plan, refreshed their main bathroom with a lick of Resene Bright Red paint. Her job was made more straight-forward by the fact that the bathroom already sported its bright red clawfoot bath, complete with silver feet.

As the bathroom is used by the couple's daughters, adding a row of 'flying' buzzy-bees and a Mary Lou doll on the wall was an apt way to accessorise.

The bright red wall doesn't stand alone; Debra used red in other parts of the house as an accent colour as well as some darker neutrals. **H**

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*cute buzzy-bees and Mary Lou doll wall decorations*

-  Resene Bright Red
-  Resene Tasman
-  Resene Cut Glass
-  Resene Linen
-  Resene Coriander
-  Resene Double Alabaster

## top tips for bathroom colour

When it comes to bathrooms and kitchens, designer Debra DeLorenzo sees paint as a fashion accessory. "New paint or wallpaper can make such a dramatic change, and all in just a weekend. I have a client who changes the colour of her kitchen walls twice a year either for a fashion colour or one to reflect the season."

Here are her tips for using colour in bathrooms:

- Bathrooms within the same house don't have to match. It's best to co-ordinate an ensuite with the colours and look of the adjoining bedroom, rather than the main bathroom.

- Keep the fittings and tiles neutral, and then change out the walls with new paint or wallpaper to keep the look fresh. You can get 20 years out of classic tiles and fittings; they're the expensive items.
- Likewise, change out your accessories and artwork to refresh the look.
- Stay away from lolly colours like bright turquoise, unless it's for a children's bathroom. Choose a muted version of a colour for a more elegant look.
- Watery greens work well in bathrooms. Try Resene Cut Glass, Resene Tasman, Resene Linen or Resene Coriander.