create a watercolour wall

This dreamy watercolour paint effect is surprisingly easy to do. Its randomness is part of the charm, so don't worry if yours doesn't come out looking exactly like this.

you will need:

- Resene testpots of your chosen colours. We used Resene Castaway, Resene Gunsmoke, Resene Martini, Resene Silver Chalice and Resene Double Alabaster
- Resene Paint Effects Medium
- Resene Hot Weather Additive
- A paint brush for each of the colours

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- A large, thick brush (like a wallpaper brush)
- Resene paint pots or plastic containers for mixing
- Masking tape to protect the skirting and any other trims
- Dropcloth to protect the floor

Step 1: Paint the wall with a basecoat using one of your midtoned colours; we used Resene Castaway. Protect any trims and skirting with masking tape.

Step 2: Mix the other colours with Resene Paint Effects Medium to dilute them, and with Resene Hot Weather Additive to slow the drying time.

Step 3: (below left) Starting from the bottom, brush on stripes of the different colours, one at a time. Make them uneven widths for a more organic, softer look.

Step 4: (bottom left) After each colour is applied, dip the large thick brush in water, and brush over the stripe to blend it with the adjacent one. Allow some of the stripes to drip down the wall. Doing one stripe at a time gives you more control over the dripping and blending.



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props Cushions from James Dunlop Textiles. Floor and skirting in Resene Double Alabaster, textured pot in Resene Celebrate