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Interior designer Melissa Greenough brings her talents to the fast-paced HOMEmade makeover show on TVNZ1.

What is the biggest challenge with your role on HOMEmade?

There are many challenges. Working to a tight timeframe is hard. You always feel you could do more if you had more time, not to mention more money! In saying that it is amazing how much you can do over a space on a minimal budget in a very short time. It's very satisfying.

Do you have a favourite type of project to work on?

Every project gives me great pleasure because you are making a difference in people's lives and the way they live.

It's so cool to see people who were once embarrassed to have friends over, become proud of their space and want to share it and entertain at home.

I do love residential projects, more than commercial, because they are so much more personal. I love working with and getting to know different people.

How would you describe your personal style?

My personal style is very pared back. I don't like a lot of clutter in my own home; just a little hint here and there in a piece of art or accessories. I do love to mix antiques with modern so I guess my style is simple, eclectic, timeless and monochromatic. One word wouldn't sum it up!

What is your favourite decorating colour or colours, and why?

This totally depends on the space I'm working in and the client I'm working with. Some of my clients love strong colours, some love very little colour and some love very muted colours. I like to give my clients something they love and relate to even if I wouldn't do the same in my own home.

Is there a colour you would never use in your own home?

I would never use red in my own home. For some reason I just can't go there!

What are your favourite colours from Resene's latest The Range fashion colours collection, and why?

Resene Dusted Blue because it's so moody and calm.

Resene Duck Egg Blue is an all-time classic; a beautiful and timeless colour.

Resene Karaka because it is such a rich deep browny green/black that would look super slick on any piece of furniture or the exterior of any house.

Resene Secrets, because it's fresh and stylish. H









