

# welcome

Without getting too cliché, this year has been disruptive, to say the least. Travel restrictions and interruptions to the global supply chain have thrown the progression of colour and decorating trends for a loop.


For some, the combination of having more time at home and the reallocation of money that had been squirrelled away in the piggy bank for a holiday has meant that many building, renovation and decorating projects that have long been on the to-do list are finally getting checked off. It's been incredible to see the indomitable creativity that has come out of our readers. Our team has thoroughly enjoyed each and every DIY and redecorating project that you've shared by email and on social media. Some of them you'll even find in the pages that follow – along with plenty of clever new painting and decorating projects to inspire you to tackle those things around your home or bach that you might have been putting off.


Whether you're wanting to better define a zone within a larger open plan space, rejig your outdoor living area or just need some fun and colourful crafts to keep you and the kids busy, you'll find heaps of ideas to get the wheels turning in this issue.

Happy reading!

Laura Lynn Johnston **editor**

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While paint has always been great for protecting surfaces and making them look better, this year, the process of painting has been just as rewarding as the final finish for so many decorators. With hours to while away at home and many plans out the window, painting has proved an enjoyable and productive way to keep busy. Countless decorators have taken the time to add a lick of paint around their home.

And with that lick of paint has come a real sense of satisfaction and achievement that despite all the setbacks of lockdowns and restrictions, we can choose to make the best of things. It reminds us all that small, steady improvements can really make such a big difference over time. Many customers popped in just to do a feature wall in their lounge when restrictions first started, then slowly started working through other interior walls and are now popping back to their local Resene ColorShop for exterior paint and stain.

There have been ups and downs and spikes and troughs in

paint sales that we have never seen the likes of before. Our advice team have answered tens of thousands of your emails and calls with every paint and colour query imaginable.

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported our team of over 700 Kiwis and our close-knit Australian team by shopping with us and choosing to buy Resene. Thanks to you, our humble Kiwi paint company that Ted Nightingale started in a New Zealand garage in 1946 can look forward to a milestone 75th birthday next year.

The enthusiasm, passion and energy we've seen so many decorators throw into the projects they have shared with us has reminded us all that, even on the darkest days, a little colour and fresh paint can do wonders for wellbeing and make a house truly feel like home.

Happy decorating!

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