

# east meets west

top trend

Pair Japanese-inspired patterns with Scandinavian simplicity for the ultimate design fusion from the Resene Wallpaper Collection.

There is more than 17,000km between Japan's fashion capital, Tokyo, and Copenhagen, the style centre of Scandinavia, but when it comes to design, these two different cultures aren't oceans apart. Japandi – the name given to a blend of Scandi and Japanese design – might be the perfect marriage of style, and this happy coupling is one of the hottest interior trends. Pairing the clean lines and minimal rustic aesthetic of Scandi-style with nature-inspired Japanese simplicity, Japandi blends the Danish concept of 'hygge' or cosy contentment with Japanese 'wabi-sabi', or acceptance of transience and imperfection in the natural environment.

While peace, comfort and minimalism are key aspects of Japandi, 'simple' doesn't have to mean dull. Wallpapers from the Resene Wallpaper Collection are a way to introduce colour and pattern while maintaining calming cohesion. Team traditional motifs representing Japanese springtime symbols, such as cherry blossoms (Resene Wallpaper Collection HAN100333900), tree peonies (Resene Wallpaper Collection 408355) or chrysanthemums (Resene Wallpaper Collection HAN100359113), with the clean lines of Danish minimal furniture. Blonde flooring finished with Resene



Colorwood Whitewash or Resene Colorwood Natural protected with Resene Qristal ClearFloor will deliver the Scandi brightness and lightness while letting the wabi-sabi aspects of the timber grain show through. Windows and doors, which bathe rooms with light while also connecting the natural world outside to an interior, are key aspects of Japandi. Paint architraves and trims with grey-edged whites such as Resene Half Sea Fog to fill the room with light or draw the eye to windows that frame nature by contrasting neutral walls with dark trims painted in hues such as Resene Bokara Grey.

Just as Japandi is a balance of two cultures, these designs from the Resene Wallpaper Collection will add balance to your interior space.










## symbols in Japanese culture

- **Tanchozuru/red-crowned crane** – a symbol of purity, longevity and peace.
- **Sakura/cherry blossoms** – represent springtime and renewal.
- **Seigaiha/waves** – commonly seen on kimonos, this pattern of concentric semi-circles can represent power, resilience and surges of good luck.
- **Kiku/chrysanthemum** – the official flower

of Japan; the Japanese monarchy is called the Chrysanthemum Throne and the flower represents nobility and dignity.

- **Take/bamboo** – due to its resilient root system, bamboo is a symbol of prosperity.
- **Botan/tree peonies** – peonies represent wealth and beauty but are also often seen outside Buddhist temples to symbolise that nothing lasts forever.

 Resene Rice Cake	 Resene Colorwood Natural	 Resene Colorwood Matai
 Resene Colorwood Whitewash	 Resene Colorwood Touch Wood	 Resene Bokara Grey
 Resene Green Spring		

**Above top:** Let your interior soar with the heron design Resene Wallpaper Collection 409543. Add hygge with soft linen, throws trimmed with faux fur and flooring finished with Resene Colorwood Whitewash. Pair with walls in Resene Green Spring and trims in the green-infused white of Resene Rice Cake.

**Above:** Promote harmony by pairing the cherry-blossom inspired design Resene Wallpaper Collection HAN100333900 with the rosy hue of Resene Coral Tree below the dado rail. Use Scandi-inspired wood tones such as Resene Colorwood Matai and Resene Colorwood Touch Wood on doors and flooring to bring out the natural grain in the timber and create a look that's wabi-sabi.