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starting young

We love the new Resene shop that recently opened in Ferrymead [Christchurch]. My children Mary (8) and Tim (6) are keen visitors and especially like the toys to play with; the very helpful staff who show us how the musical Lego operates; and the occasional sticker, lollipop or balloon.

We also use your testpots a lot for school and home projects. Mary got a great metallic look for her futuristic unicorn robot, and some frog-like colours for her lifecycle assignment. Tim has started a project with Dad's help and Dad's old train set. It's an ambitious track layout with buffers, a tunnel (half finished), and an assortment of 'trees' collected from the windy days (there have been many), which are yet to be 'planted'.

The testpots are small enough, and cheap enough, that we can use lots of different colours and select the right shade for each new project.

- the Wilson family

dining in style!

My partner and I flew to Wellington for Christmas with his brother's family in their new home. They are renovating and everything looks beautiful. However, I thought you would like to see the innovative Christmas table setting. We all greatly admired the table cloth.

The winning letter – congratulations!



explosive times

My son, Jackson Carver, recently made twin volcanoes for his school science project. He wanted to paint them, to make them look as realistic as possible. The local Nelson Resene ColorShop helped him out by supplying testpots of Resene French Pass, Resene Wham and Resene Kaitoke Green.

The volcanic eruption itself – courtesy of baking soda and lemon juice – was a resounding success!

- Richard Carver



reflecting who we are

Kia ora. I was keen to paint a Maori design on my house front, as I believe our homes should reflect who we are. Too often, the exterior is determined by the architect or building company.

My daughter's name is Taaniko, so I designed a taaniko pattern on the computer, then painted it directly onto Hardiflex panels. The design is painted with Resene Black, Resene Red Berry and Resene White.

I designed and built my simple house for less than \$125,000. It has a ground concrete floor with paua laminated feature triangles sealed under Resene Uracryl. The house exterior is Resene Napa, the interior walls and ceiling are all Resene Half Tea, the doors are Resene Double Tea, and the bathroom and ensuite are Resene Quarter Tea. The timber feature wall was blonded with Resene Rock Salt. I'm pleased with the colour choices.

- Raewyn



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