



The brief was to create an inspiring, innovative 'Designer Feature Room' for the Auckland Home Show. The inspiration for my room was the emerging International Alice in Wonderland design theme. I created a Fantasy Bedroom for the show using 'previously loved' furniture and personal treasures to demonstrate to visitors that anything goes when it comes to creating the perfect room, without spending a fortune.

The slightly subdued mauve tones of Resene Quarter Buffalo on the walls complement the subtle powder blues, pale dove grey and white of the bed linen. The ceiling, painted in Resene Eighth Buffalo, gently cocoons the room without being overly oppressive. I chose the Resene Buffalo family to create a feminine boudoir using a sophisticated palette that wasn't overly pink and girlie.

For just a few delicious moments time stands still as one enters the 'Secret

Garden'; an escape from the demands of everyday life. The focus of the room is the antique bed, dressed in a subtle palette of powder coloured linens, silks and throws. Favourite shoes, jewels and evening bags are openly displayed around the room to admire and enjoy every day. A blossom tree mural painted in one corner brings the countryside indoors. With artificial branches and blooms, birds and bird boxes, the mural springs into life in glorious 3-D as birdsong gently plays from hidden speakers, emphasising the feeling of being outdoors. The tree mural was hand painted in Resene Ebony Clay and Resene Tuna.

To add a touch of glamour, the chandelier is hung purposely low for effect. In this position rays of light dance around the walls, which were topcoated in Resene Pearl Shimmer pearlescent glaze.

The brief was met in full by the presence of all five senses.









Colour Selection: Philippa Hunt
Mural Painting: Kevin Chow and Annie Settler
Painting Contractor: Jack's Building Service
Photographer: Birgit Photography
Colours Used: Resene Ebony Clay, Resene Eighth Buffalo,
Resene Quarter Buffalo, Resene Tuna
Products Used: Resene Lustacryl, Resene Pearl Shimmer



