

DESIGN IN COLOUR

A simple palette of black and white is an elegant backdrop for art, furniture and materials in this Auckland home. Architect Paul Clarke is a self-described "black-and-white kind of guy" – most days, you'll find him in a black T-shirt and black jeans. In choosing the tones for his home in Remuera, Auckland, Clarke followed a similar palette of just three tones, which sit beautifully against materials including copper, concrete and cedar, and a lifetime's collection of art and furniture.

Throughout the house, walls are painted Resene Alabaster – a crisp, gallery-like backdrop for art. In the living room, Clarke used Resene Black, a pure black that is warm and enclosing, and dramatic against collectible art and objects. Outside, cedar cladding is stained with Wood-X Foundry from Resene ColorShops. The palette is simple and brilliantly effective.