

DESIGN IN COLOUR

A colour scheme with a mid-century touch brings a hard-working house to life. The outcome could have been so pedestrian: a tight budget, and a house intended for permanent rental.

Where others would play it safe, architect Sam Kebbell balanced rational building techniques with delightful mid-century touches – and a jaunty colour scheme. The exterior is painted Resene Oxygen, an elegant grey blue, with highlights in the yolky Resene California and pale blue of Resene Bluetooth. Details – battens and columns – are in classic Resene White, which also features inside as a counterpoint to the timber ceilings. Simple can definitely be fun.