Pragmatism and fun team up to create something special on this Wellington site. Designing for a young family on a slip of subdivided land in Island Bay, Patchwork Architecture have overcome a difficult brief with clear-eyed thinking, reducing the idea of a house to its essential elements: two storeys, gable, concrete base.

And yet, there's so much more to it than that. Resene Quarter Rice Cake, sharp and clean, creates a crisp backdrop to timber and concrete. Completely unexpected? A soffit above the sheltered outdoor ping-pong deck painted in Resene Bilbao – an energetic jolt of green, adding that perfect top note of fun.

Resene

Bilbao



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Quarter Rice Cake