A solid Kiwi state house gets a glamorous extension and a fresh paint scheme.

Nick Rowe and client Joni Ellery collaborated closely on the extension to her home in Riverhead. Leaving the original structure almost untouched, Rowe designed an expansive extension around a courtyard and pool.

Ellery's paint scheme ties it all together nicely. The weatherboards on the original house were repainted in the elegant grey of Resene Silver Sand, contrasted with the crisp white of Resene Alabaster on bagged brick. Inside, the warm whites of Resene Quarter Merino and Resene Double Merino show off the architecture, while Resene Armadillo creates a comfortable snug in the original living room. And on the front door? Resene Afterglow: a bright pop of yellow.

