

Design in colour

White-on-white simplicity with a pop of yellow in the home of two graphic designers.

Building a house on a 144-square-metre infill site is tricky at the best of times – more so when the budget is constrained. To create their home, Clem Devine and Phoebe Ellis deliberately reduced their choices to a simple palette, which gives the house a sense of purity.

It's painted white, inside and out: Resene Titania to the cladding, screen and front fence; Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream on the inside. The only departure from this crisp approach are the upstairs floor and stairs, painted in a bright jolt of Resene Southern Cross. A dynamic pure canary yellow, it's bold, unorthodox and extremely vivid. Much like the whole house.