Design in colour

White and timber combine restfully in this hard-working family home in Oratia.

The rolling hills of Oratia are a 30-minute drive from downtown Tāmaki Makaurau but feel every bit like bucolic countryside. Here, Strachan Group Architects have designed a hard-working family home that lightly references the area's history of orcharding.

The interior is restful and crisp: plywood walls and ceilings finished simply in Resene Aquaclear with a satin finish, and plasterboard painted in Resene Half Black White, a cool neutral with a shadowy edge. Together, they make for a fresh touch in a rural spot.

