



SHADES OF INNOVATION

Six stunning, paint palette-inspired designs from Resene and NZ Fashion Tech – plus ideas on how to apply new thinking on colour to your own home

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The Resene NZ Fashion Tech Colour of Fashion competition is back, challenging Kiwis to inject a little colour into their lives. The innovative paint company has once again teamed up with NZ Fashion Tech and a South Indian village to provide hand-crafted saris made in Resene colours to fashion design students who are then charged with reconstructing the traditional garments into high fashion looks. The stakes are high for the 50 up-and-coming designers taking part; 10 of the amazing creations will debut on the catwalk at this year's New

Zealand Fashion Week as part of the Resene Designer Selection shows, which are open to the public at iTicket. "Audiences will see an amazing collaboration between the new season paint colours, young designers and striking Indian fabrics," says Resene's marketing manager Karen Warman. A panel of judges will also select the top designer, who will be invited to attend iD Fashion Week in Dunedin next March. Combining fashion and function, we showcase six of the students' stunning designs along with the latest in fashionable new thinking paint effects for your home.

Green mountain

Inspired by the metamorphosis of a caterpillar and matched with Resene Kaitoke Green, 26-year-old Surayya Tayir of NZ Fashion Tech included elements of a butterfly's constriction and freedom in her garment, which took three weeks of planning. We paired this dress with a dramatic graduated mountain range backdrop. More than just a feature wall, this paint effect becomes a giant piece of art and will be quite the conversation starter. This look can work with any shade combination, depending on how much drama you want to create.

Paint colours, from bottom: Resene Bush, Resene Spring Green, Resene Oxley, Resene Summer Green, Resene Edgewater, and Resene Paris White.

Green/violet, handloomed wool and viscose rug by Waldorf, **\$2934**, Source Mondial. Nerd chairs in Petroleum and Green by Muuto, **\$775** each, Bauhaus. Bob side tables by Jean-Marie Massaud @ Poltrona Frau, **\$1990** each, Matisse.

Karnataka necklace, **\$893**; and Owl cuff, **\$860**; both Zoe & Morgan.



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Resene Summer Green



Resene Oxley



Resene Bush



Resene Spring Green

Resene tip
Bring the best of nature indoors with your favourite shades of green. Greens are soothing, relaxing and versatile: the perfect break away from busy life.



Resene Edgewater



Resene Paris White

Paint colours: Resene Juicy and lines in Resene Clockwork Orange.

Handloomed wool and viscose rug in Tangerine by Waldorf, \$2934, Source Mondial. Oyster chair in orange yellow, from \$5073, Cult Design. Sika outdoor bowl, set of two, in rope corda by Paola Lenti, \$780, ECC.

Necklace, \$27; cuff, \$17; and filigree wide band ring, \$9; all Lovisa. Dione heels by Peter Kaiser, \$430, Scarpa.

Orange lattice

Auckland-based NZ Fashion Tech student Tiare Beer, 20, grew up in Rarotonga where sewing was part of daily life. Inspired by the Resene paint colour Clockwork Orange, she designed a garment that evokes a vision of sunlight. Go bold in your home with this lattice paint effect feature wall for the ultimate style statement. The look can work with a sleek modern interior or a more eclectic retro vibe, depending on the paint colours used.

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Resene Juicy

Resene tip

Orange has a cool retro appeal that goes with mid-century style interiors. It's also such an irrepressibly cheerful colour that it can bring a room to life. Because it's a strong hue, it's sometimes best used in small doses or paired with another favourite shade to soften the look.

Resene Clockwork Orange

Paint colours: Resene Cobalt and Resene Takaka.

Blue, hand-knotted, vintage Persian wool rug by Sapphire, **\$6576**, Source Mondial. Otto outdoor low chair in rope corda by Paola Lenti, **\$6165**; and Heron outdoor barstool in rope corda by Paola Lenti, **\$2465**; both ECC.

Dragon Queen ring, **\$450**; Bone bracelet, **\$480**; both Nick Von K. Zara heels, **\$220**, Aphrika Shoes.

Blue diamond

Wellington-based NZ Fashion Tech student Katie Caulfield's strong silhouette drew inspiration from Resene Optimist as well as nature, particularly the shapes and forms of tropical plants. The 26-year-old also wanted to celebrate the hour-glass shape, which is why we've teamed this look with a diamond pattern paint effect to showcase Resene's bold blues. These shades are incredibly versatile and will give your space a calming vibe.



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Resene Cobalt

Resene tip

Play with gloss. While you can contrast shades to make a statement, why not contrast sheen levels instead? Gloss hues look brighter and pop more than those in low sheen.

Resene Takaka

Paint colours, from left: Resene Gin Fizz, Resene Wild Thing, Resene Melting Moment and Resene Turbo.

Armadillo & Co Designer Collection Marrakesh 100% New Zealand wool rug, **\$959** for 1.4 x 2 m, The Ivy House. Raviolo chair by Ron Arad for Magis, **\$985**, Matisse.

Flossie earrings, **\$299**; Crocodile cuff, **\$693**; Owl ring, **\$378**; and Shooting Stars ring, **\$378**; all Zoe & Morgan. Lindsay heels, **\$230**, Aphrika Shoes.

Yellow geo

Will Fincham, 27, wanted a youthful and graceful design inspired by sunshine, daffodils and Resene Turbo. "Making such a bold garment taught me a lot about myself, and my capabilities as a designer," explains the talented NZ Fashion Tech student. If a uniform paint effect is not for you then consider making a statement with one bold geometric shape within a wall. It's a great way to keep a neutral base but add personality to your home with pops of colour.



Resene tip

Hello yellow! Yellow is one of the most vivid colours; when used on walls, it reflects off itself so the look of it intensifies. Team it with a warm off-white or cream to accent the hue without it becoming overpowering.

Paint colours, from bottom: Resene Violent Violet, Resene Jagger, Resene Butterfly Bush, Resene Wistful and Resene Heartbreaker.

Aubergine/green, hand-knotted, vintage Persian wool rug, **\$3443**, Source Mondial. Judy chair, **\$1190**, Forma.

Lace wrap ring, **\$11**; Large round marble ring, **\$20**; and earrings, **\$8**; all Lovisa. Emerald ring, **\$30**, Aphrika. Heels, **\$280**, Mi Piaci.

Purple haze

Just 18 years old, Delaney Cooper of NZ Fashion Tech was inspired by rap music, sunsets and the 70s when constructing her unique garment. The vintage-loving designer's creative vision was also kick-started by Resene paint colour Juicy. With the hippy-vibe bang on trend right now, an ombre paint effect - where there is a graduation of colour from the top to the bottom of the wall - is a hot look. You can go as bold or as subtle as you want. Ombre looks great when teamed with metallic accessories.



Resene Heartbreaker

Resene Wistful

Resene Butterfly Bush

Resene Jagger

Resene tip

Purple is a fearless hue, the colour of royalty, luxury and glamour. Soften it by teaming different strengths and blurring the edges where they meet. Add metallic accessories for extra glam.

Resene Violent Violet

Lime stripe

Samuel Malloy, 22, designed a garment that embraced confidence with a flirty retro feel. Inspired by Resene Limerick, this vibrant dress features pleated detailing for extra movement. Not bad for a guy who had never sewed a stitch until he enrolled at NZ Fashion Tech 18 months ago. Stripes are a big fashion trend right now and you can take this inspiration into your paint effects with this design. Using a combination of thick and thin lines adds a level of sophistication to the overall effect. Go for contrasting shades to make maximum impact.



Paint colours: Resene Curiosity and stripes in Resene Bright Lights.

Argentinian wool 'Tuck in Viridian' rug by Armadillo & Co, **\$1410**, The Ivy House. Nido rope corda outdoor armchair in green with neutral cushions (not shown), **\$11,620**; Otto rope corda outdoor pouf in lime, **\$2115**; and Shell rope corda outdoor pouf in green/orange, **\$4195**; all by Paola Lenti at ECC.

Owl ring, **\$378**; Crocodile ring, **\$420**; and Shooting Stars ring, **\$378**; all Zoe & Morgan. Rena heels, **\$300**, Aphrika Shoes.

Resene
Curiosity

Resene tip

Lime is a perennial favourite pop of colour, bringing with it the freshness of nature and a sense of optimism. Pair citrus tones of lemon and lime for a crisp look.

Resene
Bright Lights

HOW TO GET THE LOOK

Follow our step-by-step guide to giving your walls the wow factor

Diamonds

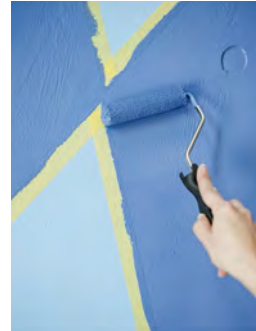
This bold pattern is eye-catching and structural, but keeping the colour palette to different tones of one shade stops it from becoming overwhelming. This works well as a statement wall, or as the background to an area filled with art or photos.



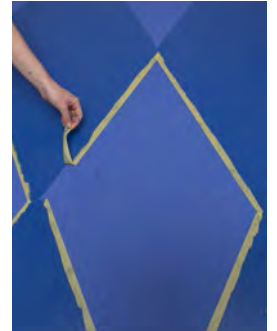
1 Measure 60cm and 30cm intervals along the wall's bottom and sides. Pin string from point to point on a diagonal from floor to ceiling, creating diamonds as you go.



2 Tape the inside of every alternate diamond with washi masking tape. Then remove string and pins.



3 Using a low sheen paint and a small roller, paint along the outside of the tape. Once dry, peel off tape and retape along the edge of the painted diamonds



4 With a high gloss paint in a similar tone, paint the remaining diamonds. Once dry, peel off tape.

Lattice

The colour choices used for this look can turn it from retro-inspired with warm tones, or Gatsby-esque with gold and black. You can use it for a full wall, or for smaller areas such as a headboard.



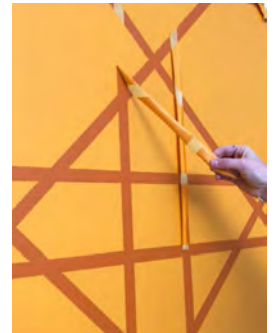
1 Paint your wall in the colour you want your lines to be. Let dry.



2 Measure out vertical stripes and tape with washi masking tape then repeat with diagonal stripes.



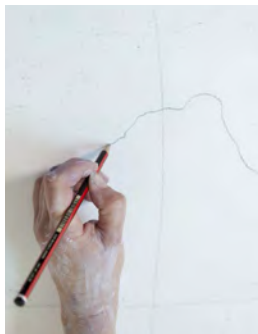
3 Paint over entire wall with your chosen background colour. Leave to dry.



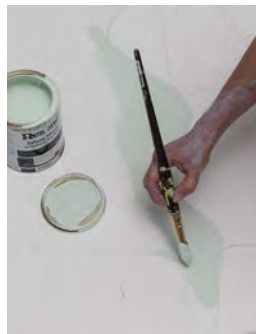
4 Once dry, peel off all tape.

Mountains

The ombre look of this feature wall makes it a stand-out effect, without overwhelming the whole room. Use it to add drama in your living area, or to create a living picture book for your child's room.



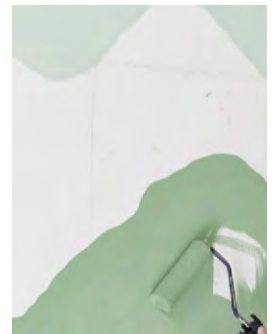
1 With a pencil, draw the required amount of mountain horizons from bottom to top of wall.



2 Choose at least six colours of similar tones, Start at the top with the lightest tone. Paint along borders with a fine brush.



3 Fill in each mountain range with a small roller, starting with the lightest at the top, down to the darkest shade at the bottom.



4 Give each strip of mountain a second coat of paint to achieve the flattest look possible.