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grey's anatomy

Cheryl and Phil Johnston's century-old villa scoops this year's top prize

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Cheryl Johnston and her husband Phil are the winners of this year's award for their beautiful grey colour scheme. A transformation to their century-old villa in Cambridge in 2010 prompted a subtle colour change. They added a new ensuite, walk-in wardrobe and study off a bedroom at the back of the house, plus a separate garage, carport and a cottage.

Cheryl took her time getting the right shades of grey and white, and discovered that perfecting a lighter palette can be even trickier than working with bright and bold shades. "There were hundreds of shades to choose from," says Cheryl.



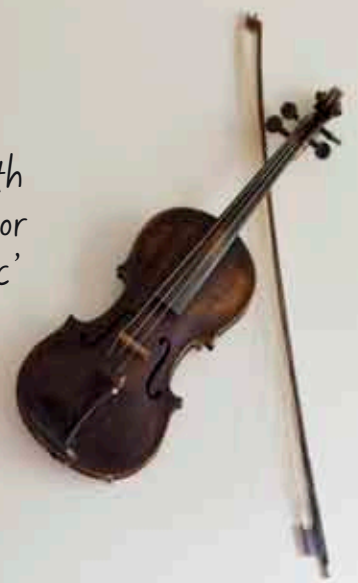
This photo The colours of the exterior of the Cambridge villa helped Cheryl chose the colours for the rest of the house. **Inset** The cottage is a miniature version of the original house and is painted in the same Resene colours.

colour tricks

✦ **Cheryl and Phil** built a whole new cottage at the back of their property, with the help of a builder and an architect. The cottage comes in handy when guests are staying. Choosing the colour scheme for the exterior of the cottage was easy, they copied the original house colours – the weatherboards are Resene 'Silver Chalice' and the windows, doors, posts and fretwork are Resene 'Alabaster'.

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Get the look with Resene 'Blanc' or 'Quarter Blanc'



This photo An old Singer sewing machine table graces the hallway. **Right** Floor-length drapes add some drama to the hallway and the painted tongue and groove of the ceiling mirrors the wood floors. **Inset below** The guest room in the cottage is painted in Resene 'Buttery White' and Resene 'Bianca' on the frames and skirting.



take your time

✦ **Renovations on the house** took 11 months and Cheryl took six months alone just to choose the right colours. "I had visions of what I wanted, but there were lots of testpots purchased to narrow down the options," she says. It was also crucial for Cheryl to select shades that married with the original style of the home. "It was important to us that the additions were done in keeping with the old style of our house, while at the same time adding a bit of 'us' to the home. There is a real sense of harmony between all the rooms."



"Bright and quirky just wouldn't suit our furnishings or colours in the existing parts of the house"

Cheryl doubts she'll ever go back to using bright colours, having experimented with burgundy and yellow in her last home. "We do like bold colours in small doses" she says, "we'd like to add some colour to our lounge with artwork or cushions."



Painted tongue and groove in the kitchen adds a homely feel

This photo The kitchen has a warm, country feel thanks to the wood accents and painted tongue and groove. Achieve this look with Resene Kitchen & Bathroom tinted to Resene 'Sea Fog'. **Inset top right** The ceiling is a half-strength version of the wall colour, because it receives less light, and a colour painted on a ceiling will generally look darker than the same colour on a wall.

The painted bath perfectly complements the grey and white tones of the bathroom



bathing beauty

- + **The ensuite in the main house is** tranquil and fresh thanks to Cheryl's colour selection of Resene 'Half Bianca' for the tongue and groove walls and Resene 'Eighth Stack' on the upper walls, shutters and ceiling.
- + **Painting the cast iron bath in** Resene 'Quarter Stack' to complement the colour scheme in the bathroom is an ingenious way to tie the look together. It's topped off with crisp white towels and fresh flowers.

Above Cheryl says the colour scheme in the ensuite is relaxing but also fresh thanks to the white of Resene 'Bianca'. **Right** Resene 'Half Bianca' keeps the ensuite looking fresh and clean. **Inset far right** The study is a peaceful place to get work done. It is painted in Resene 'Eighth Tapa' and combines with the crisp white ceilings and trim in Resene 'Bianca'.

