

RESENE SMALL ROOM AWARDS 2022 FINALIST

Castles in the sky

A dollhouse inspired a starry, whimsical makeover for this sweet space

Photography **Anna Briggs**



When Laura Bunea's daughter, Sophie, requested a pink dollhouse for her room, what followed was a makeover of mythic proportions. "It's such a gorgeous piece of furniture, I knew I wanted to create a whimsical space for her and this was the perfect base to build from," Laura says.

On the hunt for the perfect shade of pink, Laura stumbled upon the Karen Walker Paints range from Resene at her local Wellington shop. "I instantly fell in love with the range as her colour swatches are moody yet soft," she says. The bedroom walls are painted in Resene Concrete, while Sophie's feature wall makes the most of Resene Periglacial Blue, and the darling dollhouse boasts Resene Blanched Pink as the focal point of the space.

"She doesn't have a very big room, it's just her bed, some cupboards and this little nook," says Laura, "so I wanted to create a little space for her that sparks her imagination and lets her creativity shine while also hiding all of her toys."

The dollhouse has been turned into a secret cupboard to store Sophie's toys, while the sky wall

SLEEPING BEAUTY Like a picture lifted from a children's book, Sophie's little bedroom looks as pretty as her dollhouse.



displays her collection of hair bows. The room looks increasingly more charming with every glance, from fairies perched on fluffy clouds to tiny mice floating from balloons.

When asked what she likes most about her room, Sophie replies, "All of it. But my favourite thing is when I get to open the doll's house and play with all of my toys."

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Email photos and a 200-word description of your space to yhg@aremedia.co.nz with your last name and 'Resene Small Room' in the subject line. Please include your name, address, email address, daytime phone number, the names of the Resene colours used, and details of when your space was painted and/or wallpapered. Please credit anyone who assisted you in choosing your colours. The five finalists will each appear in *Your Home and Garden*. Every finalist will receive a \$250 Resene ColorShop voucher and a feature in the magazine, with the winner taking out the Resene Small Room Awards and \$1000 cash, plus a story on the winning home will feature in the January 2023 issue.

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