



Resene
Half Surrender

Resene Quarter
Taupe Grey

Resene
Lynch

Resene
Mine Shaft



how great is *grey?*

Like any other part of the colour spectrum, when it comes to neutrals, there is a fashion. For years, warm biscuit tones and dark smoky browns have been popular, but now it's time for grey. Along with green-toned creams, it's now an 'in' neutral and synonymous with style, glamour and a certain urbane sophistication – whether it's a silvery off-white or a deep, grunty charcoal.

Silvery grey: Tones such as Resene Half Surrender appear luminous in a well-lit space. They are serene and whimsical. If you want to heighten the effect, look at the various silvers available in the Resene Metallics and special effects range. Have a look at the pewter shades too, like Resene Pure Pewter, as softer bronzes and pewters become more popular.

Mid grey: This hue has a calming effect. True grey can be too cool for many people's liking, so adding a smidge of another colour will change its character. You can go 'greige' (grey-beige), by adding a bit of brown to achieve a colour like Resene Quarter Taupe Grey. This still has the appearance of grey but with an added touch of warmth.

Blue grey: There's a big move towards greys with a touch of blue or teal, like Resene Lynch. While blue is also a 'cool' colour, these slaty tones in their darker forms are smoky and moody. In paler forms, they are beachy and casual. A warmer twist to this palette is the purple-greys which are rich and warm.

Charcoal grey: Elegant and restful, charcoals like Resene Mine Shaft look superb with creamy whites and shots of vivid colors.

Grey combos to try:

- The latest trend is pairing grey with brown. The brown might come in the form of timber or hemp-coloured upholstery, so make sure you keep it textural.
- Silver-grey and white with touches of deep charcoal or black.
- Turn the above combination on its head: go for charcoal walls with white accessories.
- Grey with any form of yellow – acid, bright or mustard.
- Grey with orange, either deep, burnt forms or tangerine.
- Grey with pinky purples.

Left from top: Resene Gravel garden walls. Resene Shady Lady bedroom; designed by Yellowfox. **This page, from top:** Resene Half Rakaia kitchen. Resene Curtain Collection Ripple in colour Stone with Resene Tuna walls.



top tip

Give grey a bit of fun and life by using it in metallic form. Check out the options on the Resene Metallics and special effects chart.