

## Resene Colorwood

This waterborne penetrating wood stain is formulated for interior timber and can be used to enhance timber and composite boards, including Strandboard, plywood, MDF and most flooring. It's available in a range of natural shades as well as vibrant colours, is low odour and can be easily applied with a brush with the excess wiped off with a cloth. Resene Colorwood is usually overcoated with Resene Aquaclear, Resene Cristal Clear polyurethane or Resene Cristal ClearFloor.

Rough sawn interior timber, such as beams, may be stained with Resene Colorwood without clear finishing or polyurethaning.

### *a winning combination*

Many people ask why it's best to apply a basecoat of Resene Colorwood before applying a clear topcoat, even when opting for a natural look. Even though clear topcoats will protect timber because of their clear nature, they will always let light pass through and cannot prevent UV light from attacking the surface of the wood. The tint in Resene Colorwood helps to block some of the UV light to provide more protection than a clear finish.



Resene  
Colorwood  
Whitewash



Resene  
Colorwood  
Light Greywash



Resene  
Colorwood  
Mid Greywash

choosing a  
*colour*





Resene  
Colorwood  
Pitch Black



Resene  
Colorwood  
Dark Ebony

The final colour will depend on the stain colour chosen, the type of wood being stained, and the number of coats applied. Dark and hardwoods absorb less stain, so several coats may need to be applied, whereas light-coloured timber or plywood will make the same stain look stronger. Use a small amount of Resene Colorwood to try the colour out before starting on your project. Resene Woodsman exterior colours (see page 51) can also be tinted into Resene Colorwood if you want to bring your exterior wood stain colours into your interior. See the Resene Colorwood colour range on page 54.

- **White ideas** – Resene Colorwood Whitewash and Resene Colorwood Greywash (available in mid and light strengths) are not absorbed into timber like a stain but enhance the surface with a lightened white or grey look. Apply over uncoated timber or composite boards or over aged, yellowed polyurethanes and varnishes for a contemporary whitewashed look without the need to strip the existing polyurethane coating.

**Opposite:** To achieve the minimalist look without the starkness of a pure white, try Resene Colourwood Whitewash paired with natural timber furniture. Flooring in Resene Soapstone.



- **Dark arts** – If you love the look of black and dark brown interiors, but you're worried about it seeming too severe, wood stains might be an excellent middle ground. As wood stains are semi-transparent and show the grain of the timber, they give dark interiors a soft, cosy quality. Try Resene Pitch Black or Resene Dark Ebony.



Resene  
Colorwood  
Charred Black



Resene  
Colorwood  
Natural

**Above:** Give your living room a snugly cocoon-like quality by staining plywood walls in a dark Resene Colorwood colour. Wall stained in Resene Colorwood Charred Black with battens in Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene All Black. Flooring in Resene Colorwood Natural, lamp in Resene Black White, sideboard in Resene Snow Drift and coffee tables in Resene Bison Hide and Resene Quarter Drought. Artwork by Cloud 9 Creative (Lee Sinclair) from endemicworld.



Resene  
Snow Drift



Resene  
Black White



Resene  
Soapstone



Resene  
Bison Hide



Resene  
Quarter Drought

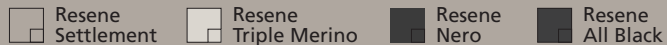


Resene  
All Black



**Above:** Create a touch of Japanese wabi-sabi style by pairing walls stained in Resene Colorwood with soft green-tinged neutral colours. Left timber wall in Resene Colorwood Pickled Bean with batten shelf in Resene Settlement. Main wall in Resene Triple Merino, flooring in Resene Colorwood Uluru, desk in Resene Enamacryl gloss tinted to Resene All Black, chair in Resene Anglaise and large vase in Resene Nero. Artwork by Home Time from endemicworld.

**Right:** Timber background stained in Resene Colorwood Pickled Bean with A4 drawdown paint swatches in (from left to right) Resene Settlement, Resene Triple Merino and Resene Quarter Karaka and painted vases in Resene All Black and Resene Quarter Karaka.



- **Resene Natural** – this natural colour brings out the best of any timber, enhancing the grain with a slight tint that looks great on everything from pine to cedar.
- **Timber specific** – Resene Colorwood comes in a range of colours designed to enrich the natural timber colour or mimic the colour on another wood, e.g., to give pine an oak colour. Choose from Resene Mahogany, Resene Deep Oak, Resene Walnut, Resene Teak, Resene Dark Ebony and Resene Jarrah. There are also native timber colours such as Resene Matai and Resene Dark Rimu.
- **Primary colours** – The Resene Colorwood range comes in primary colours such as Resene Apollo Blue, Resene Red Pepper and Resene Emerald Green which allow you to be creative with your interior design while still enjoying the natural feeling of timber. These vibrant colours are best used on light timbers such as pine or plywood and work well as accent colours in a room.






-  Resene Colorwood Bleached Riverstone
-  Resene Colorwood Light Greywash
-  Resene Colorwood Apollo Blue
-  Resene Colorwood Emerald Green

**Above:** With so many browns and grey Resene Colorwood stains to choose from, why limit yourself to just one? Plywood wall stained in Resene Limed Ash, Resene Light Greywash, Resene Smokey Ash, Resene Tiri and Resene Bleached Riverstone. The floorboards are in Resene Colorwood Light Greywash.

**Right:** SIPs specialist Tonia Williams used Resene Colorwood Jarrah on top of the textured oriented strand board (OSB) wall before overcoating with Resene Aquaclear tinted with Resene Colorwood Enhance Jarrah.

Resene  
Quarter Karaka 

## top tip

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Anlaise 

Stain colours can be intermixed or diluted. Resene Colorwood Reducing Base may be used to soften or stretch a full strength colour. If the selected colour of Resene Colorwood is too intense, reduce with Resene Colorwood Reducing Base. Resene Colorwood Reducing Base is also perfect on dark timbers to enhance the grain and appearance of the timber, without making the timber appear even darker.

 Resene Colorwood Pickled Bean

 Resene Colorwood Limed Ash

 Resene Colorwood Red Pepper

 Resene Colorwood Smokey Ash

 Resene Colorwood Jarrah

 Resene Colorwood Tiri

