

YOUR HOME AND GARDEN

# Room makeover series

We teamed up with Adairs and Resene to give this reader's living room a fabulous new look

Styling by Vanessa Nouwens.  
Photography by Rebekah Robinson.



**BUDGET**  
\$5,000



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

## MEET + GREET

**Janette Elliott**, 47 (stay-at-home mum), partner **David Dodds**, 47 (finance manager), **Liam**, 9, and **Matthew**, 7.

## PROBLEM AREAS

Janette Elliott, our second makeover winner, lives in the beachside suburb of Waiake on Auckland's North Shore with her partner and two sons. She knew her living room needed attention but was unsure what to do, so she was thrilled to be able to hand it over to *Your Home and Garden's* talented stylist and interior designer Vanessa Nouwens for a top-to-toe revamp using Adairs products and Resene paint.

The large room occupies the lower section of a split-level space, with the dining room on the upper level. With cream-coloured walls, an acid lemon feature wall, a wooden ceiling and lots of dark furniture, the space lacked a sense of cohesion. In addition, an extensive brick fireplace – further highlighted by the feature wall behind it – was far too dominant and had caused Janette to position her sofas on an angle, making the room feel unbalanced.

## THE PLAN

Vanessa's inspiration for the colour palette was to bring the outdoors inside, connecting the interior with the home's bush outlook. "Janette loves the colour green so I selected soft, warm greens which would tie in with the olive-brown carpet and the chocolate leather sofa."

To lighten and freshen the space, Vanessa's first thought was to paint the tongue-and-groove ceiling a light colour but because Janette really loves the feature, it was instead decided to link the ceiling into the scheme through wood accents in the furniture.

The large, heavy-looking leather ottoman was not the best solution for a coffee table so it was replaced with a nest of elegant round wooden tables from Adairs. Not only do rounded shapes soften a space, these versatile tables can be moved and used at the side of the sofas when the family has guests.

## COLOURS USED

Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen 'Quarter Evolution' was used for a feature wall at the end of the room where the television is. (While the feature wall is quite subtle in colour, it helps lessen the contrast between the black TV and the wall.) The rest of the room, including the fireplace, was painted in Resene Semi Gloss 'Quarter Lemongrass'. As there are not a lot of trims in the room, Vanessa had them painted in the same colour for a simple, cohesive feel.

## colour palette

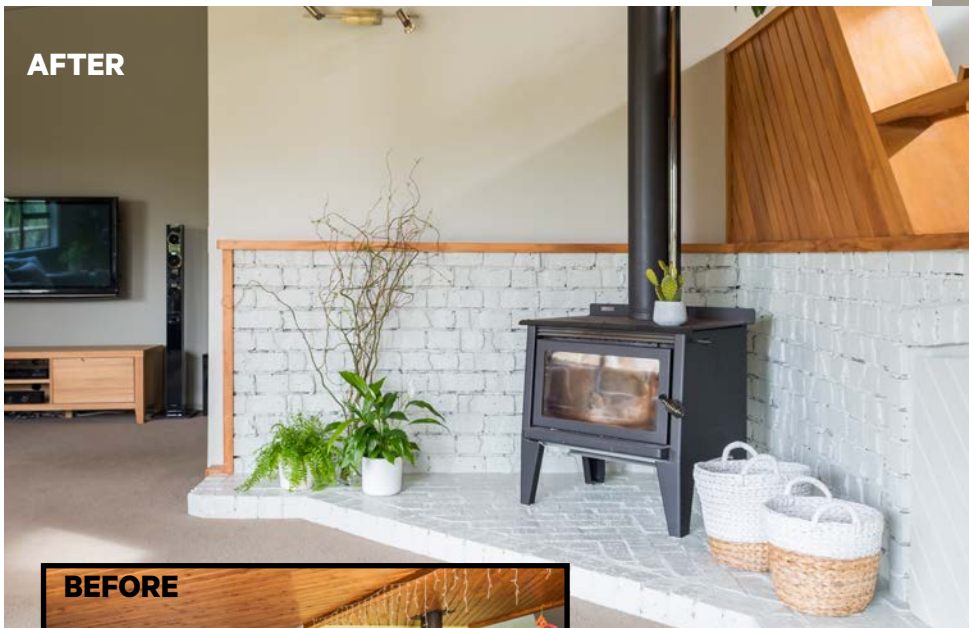


**RESENE**  
'Quarter Evolution'



**RESENE**  
'Quarter Lemongrass'





**AFTER**

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**TIP 1: LEATHER SOFAS**

To soften the impact of the dark sofas, Vanessa added cushions from Adairs in natural tones, keeping things interesting with different sizes and textures. This simple change instantly lifted the look, creating an inviting space to relax.

**TIP 2: BRICK FIREPLACE**

The brick fireplace was painted the same colour as the walls, visually reincorporating it into the room. The paint brings out the rustic texture of the bricks and looks fabulous with the addition of potted greenery and baskets.

**TIP 3: READING NOOK**

The corner by the ranch slider to the deck was the perfect spot for a reading chair (once the fish tank was moved). Now Janette can sit with a coffee and keep an eye on the kids in comfort.

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