

THIS MONTH'S WINNER

Lucky charm

An idiosyncratic restoration was always on the cards for a couple of clever creatives working and living in the lakeside town of Taupō. Holly Spooner and Brett Cameron are mid-makeover on their small yet perfectly formed cabin, transforming the formerly run-down weatherboard cottage into a vision of voguish charm that would look right at home on the set of a Wes Anderson film. "Brett and I are upholsterers and we have a bold, eclectic style," says Holly of the labour-of-love project, which has progressed at a cracking pace over the last nine months and is due to be finished later this year. The exterior painting was completed last month and has been a head-turner among the neighbours. "I picked the Resene shades after sampling a lot of different colours, and I really wanted to give the house a coastal beach-hut vibe," says Holly. "Taupō is typically a summer bach town filled with quirky monopitch-roof homes, so I wanted to play that up and create a classic retro holiday home feel." We can't wait to see the final result!

