

lace up for summer fun

Grab the kids and some Resene testpots then let your imagination run wild.



Foot fancy

Who wouldn't want to show up to play in flash shoes like these? Customise a fresh pair of footwear or fancy up some old favourites – while covering up scuff marks – with nothing more than a few Resene testpots, artist's brushes and a bit of good quality masking tape.

If your kids are little, you can help mask off any of the harder parts – such as around the soles – that you want to keep paint off of and remove laces, if there are any. Show them how they can mask off parts to make straight, clean lines when the tape is removed to create these looks.

We had fun 'painting within the lines' by colour blocking different sections and features of our shoes, but your kids can keep things even simpler or get as crazy as they'd like. With imagination and a steady hand, their shoes can easily become favourite animals, book or movie characters or could feature the logo of their favourite sports team. For an artsy, splattered look, you can flick paint off artist's brushes onto the shoes – though it's definitely best to do so outside or in the garage with a Resene dropcloth underneath.

We used testpots in Resene Sunbaked, Resene Crowdpleaser, Resene King Tide, Resene Meditation, Resene Bismark, Resene Soulful and Resene Raging Bull to make our kids' shoes into something special, but there are hundreds of other testpot colours you and your kids can choose from at your local Resene ColorShop or reseller. They can also be purchased online at shop.resene.com/testpots.

You can also refresh your shoes using Resene testpots too. If you have a pair of old heels that you love the design of but the colour doesn't go with the rest of your wardrobe, consider giving them a colourful update with Resene testpots. For colourful heel ideas see the www.resene.com/colour-of-fashion gallery.

Let the games begin

Recreate a classic game in an unconventional format using Resene testpots to paint your own dominoes. Smooth rocks, like those found on the beach or in a river bed, work best for this project. Take the kids out to search for ones that lay flat and are generally round or oblong in shape. If you don't live near water, you should be able to get some from your local garden supply store.

Since a traditional domino set contains all number pairs from double zero to double six, with each number pair occurring once, you'll need 28 rocks in total. We painted ours first in Resene Noir with a small, flat artist's brush and then added our number dots and lines using a fine round brush and a testpot of Resene Despacito – a creamy blush-beige – but you can use any colour combination your heart desires. Let your background colour dry completely before adding on the details. To speed up the process, use a hair dryer.

While our rocks were all golf ball-sized or smaller, you could also make a set using big rocks so that your dominoes become an outdoor game that takes over the yard where the whole family can join in.

Most Resene testpots are made using Resene Lumbersider paint which is ideal for exterior or interior use. They don't need overcoating if being used outside. If you'd prefer a higher gloss finish you can overcoat with Resene Clearcoat UVS or Resene Concrete Clear. **H**



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Above: These shoes were renewed using testpots in Resene Sunbaked, Resene Crowdpleaser, Resene King Tide, Resene Meditation, Resene Bismark and Resene Raging Bull. The background is painted Resene Bunting.

Below: Our rock dominoes were first painted Resene Noir and allowed to dry completely before we painted on the dots and lines in Resene Despacito. The background is in Resene Sunbaked.



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