

making an entrance

Shortly after receiving the keys to her new home, Tegan Williams aka TradieGal, was straight to work creating a porch that's a step up.

This year I became a first-time homeowner, a dream I never thought attainable. My new home is an untouched 1980s gem that needs a lot of work. To make it a home, the natural place to start was the first thing that welcomes everyone in – the entranceway. It's easy to make a big impact in such a small space. For this DIY, I painted the weatherboards, soffits and porch walls and stained the steps and deck. Let's get to work.

TradieGal Tutorial: Porch makeover

Step 1: First, I needed to clean and treat the mould on the timber steps. Fill a garden sprayer with Resene Moss & Mould Killer concentrate and dilute it with water following the instructions on the label. Leave for 24 hours before scrubbing and rinsing with water.

Step 2: Clean the timber with Resene Timber and Deck Wash using a brush to scrub in the same direction as the grain. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry overnight before painting or staining.

Step 3: As I knew I'd be walking back and forth up the steps while working, I decided to save the staining of the steps until last and moved on to painting the porch and

weatherboards. First, prep the painted surfaces by washing with Resene Paint Prep and Housewash or Resene Bio-Cleaner. Sand and then dust with a clean, dry cloth.

Step 4: Put down drop cloths and mask anywhere you don't want to get paint. Pour your paint into a tray – I used Resene Sonyx 101 tinted to Resene Oxygen for the weatherboards.

Step 5: Cut in the weatherboards on the edges using a flat brush, working your way from bottom to top. This helps you see if you've missed any weatherboards, and if any flecks of paint from the brush go onto the board above, you can catch it with the roller before it dries. In cooler weather, you can cut in multiple boards at once if you keep a wet edge. I recommend cutting and rolling one board at a time or using Resene Hot Weather Additive in warm weather to slow drying time.

Step 6: I used an 8mm nap, Resene No.1 roller sleeve for the weatherboards. This type

of roller sleeve holds enough paint for the weatherboards and walls and has enough nap to get into the grooves of the weatherboards. When rolling weatherboards, hold the roller flat and work in a long rolling motion with consistent pressure.

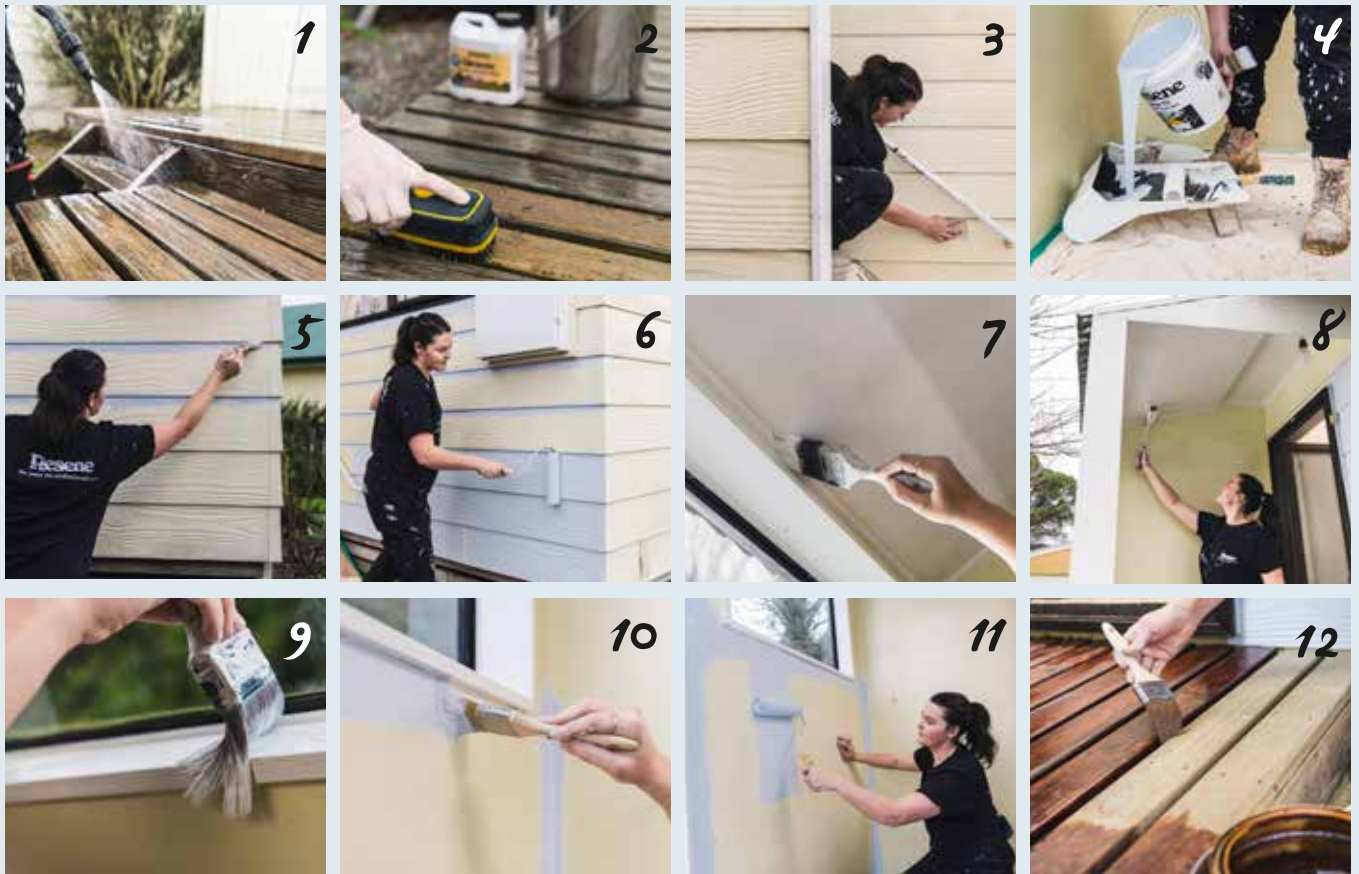
Step 7: Moving onto the soffits, hold the brush sideways (as opposed to flat) to cut in around the edges, light fittings, mouldings or beadings. Make sure the quarter-round beading is coated with paint but don't waste time cutting this in perfectly. If you accidentally paint the main wall, you can cover this up when you cut in the main wall later. For the soffits, I used Resene Sonyx 101 tinted to Resene Half White Pointer. Once dry, repeat with a second coat.

Step 8: Roll the soffit paint to the edges, covering any harsh brush lines.

Step 9: While waiting for the soffit paint to dry, move on to trims and joinery such as windows, door architraves and handrails.

2021 NAWIC Tradeswoman of the Year Tegan Williams is currently renovating her first home, a 1980s home in Featherston. She painted the weatherboards in Resene Oxygen and the soffits and trims in Resene Half White Pointer.





Start by sanding, dusting then filling any gaps. Use a flat brush to cut in the window frame's sides, bottom and corners before using nice long strokes to finish off the faces of the frame. To paint the trims, I used Resene Lustacryl tinted to Resene Half White Pointer. Repeat with a second coat once dry.

strokes to finish off the top and wipe away any excess stain with a rag. You could use a Deck Master or a lambswool applicator on large surfaces. My deck was made from kwila, so I used Resene Kwila Timber Stain to rejuvenate it. Allow to dry before applying a second coat. **H**

Step 10: Prepare and paint the remaining walls of the porch. Sand them using 120-grit sandpaper and then dust. Start by cutting in internal corners, around any frames or wall fixtures and the soffit.

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Step 11: You're now ready to roll. I recommend an 8-10mm nap roller to paint the walls. Start in the middle and move outwards – this helps you put the bulk of the paint in the middle of the wall. Moving the roller back over the area will pick up any excess paint and allow you to spread it over the rest of the wall, providing an even coating. Layoff the paint by running the roller up and down your finish lightly once each piece of the wall is painted for a smooth even finish.

 Resene Zircon  Resene Kwila Timber Stain

Step 12: Before staining the deck and steps, give them a sweep to remove any dirt. Using a brush, cut in the edges and down the cracks of the deck, then use long

top tip
When staining a deck or porch, work methodically to avoid trapping yourself in a corner.

Right: Tegan completed this porch makeover in less than a day, "It's an easy weekend job," she says. Wall in Resene Oxygen, soffits and trim in Resene Half White Pointer and deck in Resene Kwila Timber Stain.

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