

testpots

Resene
Norwegian Blue 

on the ball >


Dyson's spacey-looking household appliance, DC 15 The Ball, adds a new engineering dimension to the everyday vacuum cleaner. Instead of wheels, it is mounted on a central ball, allowing it to zig-zag freely and quickly around furniture and obstacles. The motor is located inside the ball, lowering the centre of gravity and increasing manoeuvrability. A pivot point between the body of the machine and the head means constant contact is maintained with the floor, while a telescopic wand in the handle makes it easy to reach tight corners and narrow edges. For the location of your nearest Dyson stockist, call 0800 397 667 or visit www.dyson.co.nz.



v scala at Resene

European textile designer Ulf Moritz is famous for his innovative wallpapers. Scala, his latest collection, is a bold take on opulence. Special effects create a sense of movement and reflect light, for modern and eye-catching wall finishes. Scala will be available in late September at selected Resene ColorShops. For more information, call 0800 Wallpaper (0800 925 572).



Resene
Caraway 

stylishly simple >


More people, in less space, with a growing desire for air and room. This reality formed the basis of A4+, a well-planned storage system for the home or office. A4+ can be supplied as completed units or as modules to be assembled. The system comes in a variety of combinations, elements of which can be moved, removed, or extended at any time, and is exclusive to Lundia Shelving. Call the company on 0800 860 460, visit www.lundia.co.nz or visit the showroom at 71 Felton Mathew Ave, Glen Innes, Auckland.



the book

The new Mico Bathrooms The Bathroom Book features a range of modern bathrooms, finished in state-of-the-art bathroomware and complemented by Resene fashion colour paint finishes. For your copy, call 0800 844 448 or visit www.mico.co.nz.

Resene
Anticipation 

Resene
Greywacke 

v TV technology

The LCD revolution has taken another turn with the introduction of a new range of LCD televisions from Sony, ranging in size from 15" to 40" screens across nine models. The KLVV40A10 40" BRAVIA shown here features Sony's seventh generation, 1,000,000 pixel LCD panel, enhanced by innovative Wide Colour Gamut backlight technology for colour accuracy. To view the full range, visit your nearest Sony Style – Auckland: 255 Broadway, Newmarket; Wellington: 1 Willis St; Christchurch: 105 Cashel St.



excitement on tap

From noted Italian designer Maurizio Duranti comes the Hey Joe tapware range, new to Aquatica. Coated in highly polished chrome, it sports eye-catching contemporary lines that complement its high performance. Also among Aquatica's latest collections are the sleek Cubit, classical Mini Kris and sophisticated Quadrato. All are available as low and tall basin mixers, wall-mounted vessel mixers, concealed shower mixers, shower columns and bath spouts. For more information, call 09 828 2068 or 03 384 6040, or visit www.aquatica.co.nz.



new line in louvres >

With no visual operating system and a 180° blade pivot, the slick lines of the 200 LouvreLine Panel from LouvreTec provides a clean complement to today's modern architecture. The distinctive, rectangular-shaped aluminium panel uses new Spiral Pivot technology, forming a snug-fitting opening or adjustable wall. It is ideal as an external window treatment and for closing off decks or verandas. For more information, phone 0800 LOUVRES (0800 568 873) or visit www.louvretec.co.nz.



intruders beware

Specially formulated to never dry, Resene Sentinel is designed to make climbing any surface painted with the finish almost impossible, minimising the risk of unauthorised entry. The coating also marks the clothing and hands of intruders who come into contact with it, making it easy to positively identify them if they are caught near the scene. Simple application means it can be applied by professional contractors and homeowners, though normal ladder safety must be followed at heights. Call 0800 RESENE, visit your local Resene ColorShop, or visit www.resene.co.nz (NZ) or www.resene.com.au (AUST).

Resene
De Janeiro 

< all about you

Athena's new range of bathroomware introduces a personal element back into this important space. In contrast with the white-on-white themes of the recent past, three colour stories – aqua, opulence and contrast – weave their way through the collection. Visit the new Athena range at www.athena.co.nz or look for the catalogue in stores.

v take a second to pause

Design Mobil's newest release, Pause, incorporates highly functional clip-on side shelves, which can be customised with accessories such as the matching minimalist side lamp or aluminium tray. However, the same shelves have also been designed to accommodate an iPod dock and Bose Companion three-speaker system, so you can chill out in bed to your favourite sounds. Pause is available at Bedpost stores nationwide or call 0800 337 446 for more information.



flower power

Florals are back, both contemporary and classic, in the Options IX range of beautiful new textiles from Sanderson. Take a look at these fresh new designs at your local Sanderson specialist, or call Instyle Textiles & Leathers on 0800 10 80 90 to locate the stockist nearest you.



up the chimney ^

One new trend emerging in Europe and starting to catch on in our own kitchens is the use of a cylindrical chimney over the cooktop instead of the more traditional hood-shaped extraction unit. One such option in our market is the Smeg chimney from Applico, with customers installing one over 60cm hobs or two over 90cm hobs. They are height-adjustable and easy to clean, and feature electronic controls and halogen lighting. Visit www.applico.co.nz for more information.




^ super models


Home automation has taken another step forward with the Reflection, Neo and Saturn switches – key components of the Clipsal C-Bus automation system. Simple to install, these allow control of almost any electrical device connected to the network, including lighting, climate control, security, irrigation and more. For more information, phone 0800 55 99 88 or visit www.clipsal.co.nz for a free copy of Clipsal's *Essential Checklist for Everything Electrical*.

Resene
Innuendo 

on the road again v

The next few months will see the release of the new grand Vitara, the next generation of four-wheel-drive SUV from Suzuki. Completely revised from the wheels up, the third generation Grand Vitara will be more in the "soft-roader" mould while still retaining the tried and tested off-road heritage for which the model has become famous. It is the product of a four-year development programme, which has resulted in more powerful engines, enhanced ride and handling, and greater interior room. For more information, contact your Suzuki dealer or visit www.suzuki.co.nz.

Resene
Eskimo 

Resene Iko Iko 

corker!

Every nine years, the Portuguese cork tree is stripped of its outer bark layer for wine stopper production. Once the wine stops have been stamped out, the remaining cork is granulated and sold for cork flooring. The agglomerated slab of cork is baked for 24 hours before being sliced into the high density tiles which are coloured and bevelled here in New Zealand. Now, home owners can enjoy the benefits of an eco-friendly, natural floor in any of 22 contemporary colours. For more information, call Cork Concepts on 09 415 3666.



Resene Dark Knight 

cooking with steam! >

We've known for a long time that steam-cooking is a great way to ensure the food values of a meal are preserved. That's the theory behind Miele's freestanding and built-in steam ovens. These work by injecting steam into the cooking cavity at carefully calculated, pre-set temperatures, so that cooking times are kept short, optimising colours, tastes, vitamins and textures. Up to three cooking levels can be used simultaneously, with no transfer of flavour from one dish to another. For more information, visit www.miele.co.nz or call Steelfort on 06 952 4675.

< florentine

The fabric featured is Charles Parsons Florentine from Lahood Window Furnishings. The leading edges of the curtains have been banded with a coordinating self stripe called Nova.

Florentine is an elegant, soft handling jacquard, manufactured from polyester and viscose, coloured to harmonise with New Zealand's colour palette.

The wave top treatment of the curtain falls elegantly and coordinates with the 50mm-wide perforated Venetian blind. This provides fantastic filtered light, allowing clear vision to exterior yet creating privacy and sun control to the interior. For more details, call 09 638 8463 or 0800 LAHOOD or visit www.lahood.co.nz.

v luxury linen

This season's favourite colours in the bedroom include summer sage and crisp white, which form the foundation of Marlborough Textiles Homeware's Kyoto bedroom co-ordinates. These are made from 100% cotton in a combination of solid sateen – with a thread count of 275 – and Seersucker – with a thread count of 312. The collection is available from leading retail and specialty linen stores, or call Marlborough Textiles Homeware on 09 820 5806 or visit www.derecorp.co.nz.



< practical design

Electrolux recently collaborated with renowned architect and designer Jeppe Utzon – grandson of the genius behind the Sydney Opera House – to produce the new Electrolux Jeppe Utzon barbeque. The result brings Scandinavian-inspired clean, minimalist lines to the art of outdoor entertaining. For more information, visit www.electrolux.com.



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energy efficiency

How does a 65% drop in your power bill sound? That's what can be achieved using a Rheem HP 3.25 heat pump to heat your water. It works by drawing on the latent energy in the air to generate hot water – like a refrigerator in reverse – and uses 70% less energy than a conventional electric or gas water heater. This makes it 325% more efficient, hence its name. For more information, call Rheem New Zealand on 0800 657 336 or visit www.rheem.co.nz.

Resene
Green Meets Blue 



^ woven

Discover the natural colour and woven appearance of Bamboo Ply panels, reminiscent of the balmy tropics. Made from bamboo, a fast-growing, 100% renewable resource, Bamboo Ply is an excellent environmental and economical alternative to native timbers. Bamboo Ply is easily finished with Resene paint systems. Give it a quick wipe down with Resene Polythane Brush Cleaner, followed by water, drying time, then an Environmental Choice-approved topcoat system of Resene Waterborne Woodsman interior wood stain, followed by Resene Aquaclear acrylic urethane topcoats. Where durability is paramount, Resene Uracryl 403 or Resene ArmourCat 822 are recommended. For more details, call 0800 BAMBOO (NZ only) or visit www.bamboo-ply.com.

Resene
Mustang 

quick fix

It's a nerve-racking thought, drilling through your brand new bathroom wall tiles to install that gleaming towel rail or toilet roll holder. Hydrotech Sanitar recently introduced a solution to the problem, with the launch of HangOn from Haceka, which allows the company's Kosmos bathroom range to be fixed firmly to the walls without the need for any holes. This wall bracket and glue system provides a rock-solid attachment that's quick to apply and also easy to remove. Contact Hydrotech Sanitar on (09) 527 2276 or visit www.hydrotech.co.nz.

woolly for you >

Wools of New Zealand was originally established by our woolgrowers to promote the use of wool, especially in carpets. It offers consumers an independent quality assurance regime (look for the label on the back of carpet samples), advice on care and maintenance, product training via an approved retailers programme, and an information booklet. To find out more, call 0800 772 215 or visit www.woolcarpet.com.

