

Soft focus

Colourwashed walls in a calming dusty nude blur the line between contemporary and good old-fashioned.

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Inspiration

The warm, textural shades that filter through natural sandstone.

Step by step:

1. Apply a basecoat of Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Half Tea.
2. Mix together your paint effect using one part water, one part Resene Rascal and three parts Resene Paint Effects Medium, ensuring there's enough paint mixture to complete the entire project.
3. Brush the paint effect mixture onto the walls in big cross shapes, making broad strokes until you've covered the whole wall. Blend the crosses together as you go by adding smaller crosses between them.
4. Continue until you're happy with how the blending looks. For a more subdued effect, you may want to repeat the process to create a second coat.

Hero colours:



Resene Half Tea



Resene Rascal



Resene Flintstone

Supporting palette:



Resene Paint Effects Medium



Resene Calibre



Resene Haka



BACKDROP Walls in Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen in Resene Half Tea and Resene Paint Effects Medium mixed with Resene Rascal; **floor** in Resene Walk-on in Resene Flintstone, prepped with Resene primer/sealer and sealed with Resene Uracryl 402 Clear, resene.co.nz. **FROM LEFT** City Slicker **tote**, \$40, cottonon.com. Nordic **desk**, \$499, freedomfurniture.co.nz. CN Parfum **bottles**, POA, curionoir.com. Arc **clutch** by Georgia Jay, \$160, tessuti.co.nz. Onyx **owl**, \$80, fourth-st.com. Disk **mirror**, \$825, markantonia.com. Abbey **chair** by General Eclectic, \$450, shutthefrontdoor.co.nz. Ceramic **vase** by Jaime Jenkins, \$100; **floral arrangement**, muck.co.nz. Petunia **rug** by Armadillo & Co, from \$765, theivyhouse.co.nz. Octo 4240 **pendant** by Secto Design, \$2050, simonjamesdesign.com. Wooden **owl** stylist's own.

