



COLOUR COMPETITION

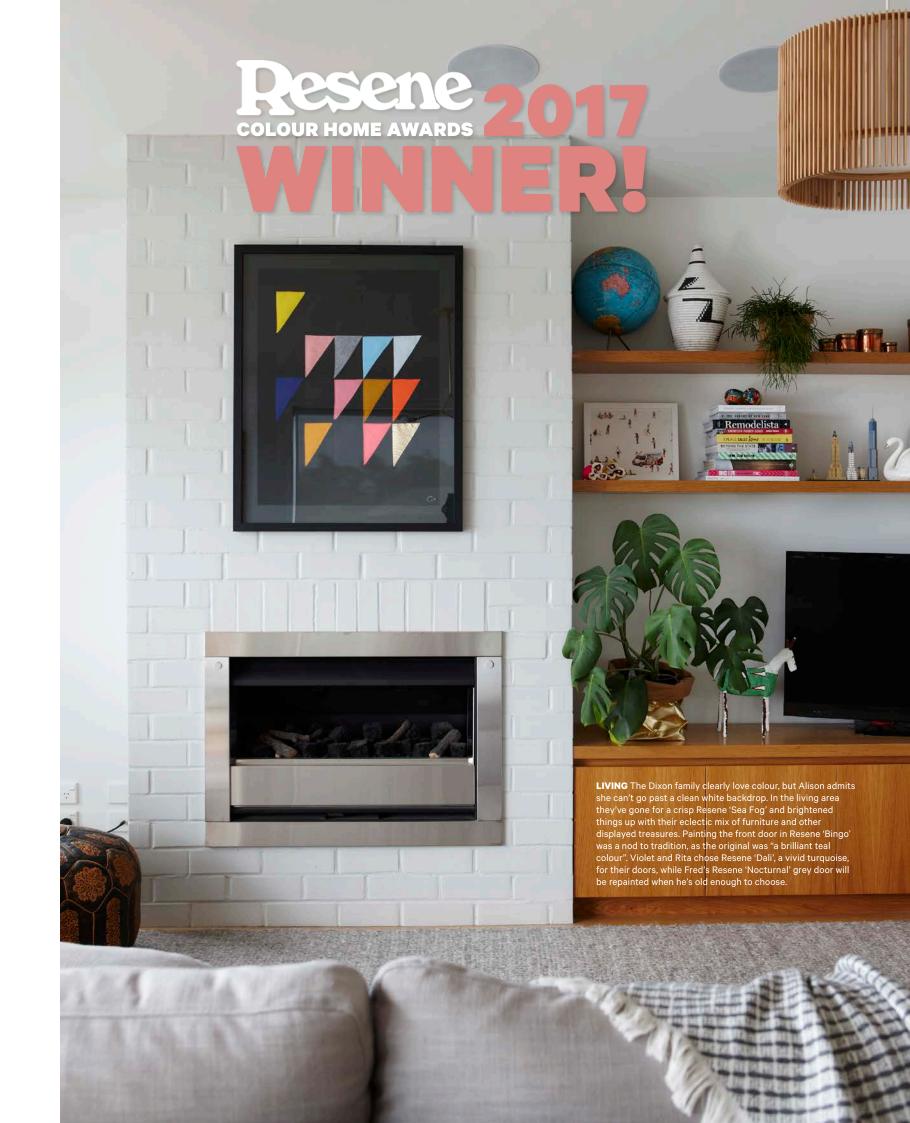
Personality plus

An eye for design, a love of colour and a give-it-a-go attitude has transformed this 1950s home

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hen Alison and Callum Dixon stumbled across their Castor Bay, Auckland, abode back in 2009, it ticked every box. "The main criteria for us was a decent-sized section and an older home with character that hadn't been renovated," says Alison. "We purchased it from the original owners and completely fell for it. With its sea views, short walk to the beach and large bush area at the bottom of the section, we could really see the potential." Stay-at-home mum Alison says she has really enjoyed renovating the weatherboard beauty, especially rediscovering her creative side since leaving her accountacy job to raise the couple's three

children, Violet, 5, Rita, 3, and Fred, 1. "We put so much into creating what we wanted. Designing each space was a labour of love for me," she says. The transformation has included opening up the kitchen and living area, landscaping and, of course, a few licks of new Resene paint! Alison, who says she struggles to pinpoint one aesthetic, is drawn to varying styles and simply chooses things she likes and hopes for the best. "Somehow it seems to come together, or at least I think it seems to," she laughs, and Alison, we'd have to agree! This eclectic family home is a breath of fresh air and manages to be sophisticated, airy and light, as well as colourful and packed with personality.







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