

Fireplaces often figure in our interiors, not just as a generator of warmth but for their visual appeal. There's nothing quite like our emotional response to glowing flames on a winter's night spent at home. Fireplaces also offer scope for adding architectural flavour to a room. Often centrally placed, they become a focal point for the interior, whatever the season. Here, the fireplace is part of a symmetrical setting, reinforced by the placement of the windows and sofas, to create an ordered and calming ambiance.

A tranquil scheme is created with colours from the popular Resene Whites & Neutral collection, but using those with a green twist. For the fireplace, Resene Double Lemon Grass is the colour of a lichen-covered stone, muted and harmonious. Surrounding it, walls in the shadowy tones of Resene Half Tana are joined by a ceiling in Resene Quarter Thorndon Cream.

2 A restful tonal scheme, the warmth and appeal of this room relies on the ancient stone grey of **Resene Stonehenge** used to anchor the wall at the far end of the room.

Turning this wall and the chimney into a feature, the colour has a brown base which brings instant warmth to the room, even without the fire alight. Its paler version, **Resene Eighth Stonehenge**, joins it on the remaining walls while the delicate **Resene Eighth Blanc**, with its whisper of rose beige, is used on the ceiling and trims.

With a shot of spicy salsa red, torrid and tasty, **Resene Jalapeno** is used on the chimney to leave you in no doubt that fire is at the heart of this room. It's a vibrant, noholds-barred way to emphasise the fireplace. As a striking contrast, the **Resene Double Alabaster** walls are a bisque white while the ceiling is an understated component in **Resene Half Alabaster**

This alternative scheme also picks out the chimney as a feature but this time in the stormy blue of **Resene Biscay**. The softer blue-grey of **Resene Longitude** brings a cool and precise look to the walls while the chalky **Resene Eighth Rice Cake** on the ceiling and trims is almost the colour of the foam-tipped waves being tossed on a wintry sea.





