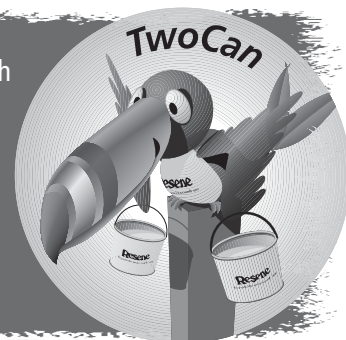


“ We’re escaping outside for this month’s Tradelines. It might be wishful thinking but with summer just around the corner we’re in outdoors mode. Exterior work brings its own set of challenges. And of course the most important of these is looking after the most important part of the job – you the painter. After all, without you the paint isn’t exactly going to make it out of the can and onto the wall by itself. So slip slop slap and wrap and where you can work away from the heat of the sun to avoid that sunburn plus keep your well topped up water bottle handy to keep dehydration at bay... ”



## Refreshed

The Resene Whites & Neutrals flat chart collection and the Resene Decks, Paths, Driveways and Recreational Areas colour charts have both been updated to reflect the latest colour trends. In the neutrals there is an upswing in green toned hues, while we’re seeing more and more variants of grey for trafficable areas. The new colour charts will come through into Resene ColorShops and resellers as the old charts run out.



## Top picks

Here’s the hot off the press Resene Top 20 paint colours based on Resene testpot sales and sample orders. The top 20 is dominated by whites and neutrals, reflecting their broad acceptance and use on a vast array of projects both inside and out.

Based on testpot sales, the most popular Resene colours are:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Resene Tea           | 6. Resene Half Spanish White    | 11. Resene Sea Fog       | 16. Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta |
| 2. Resene Half Tea      | 7. Resene Black White           | 12. Resene Napa          | 17. Resene Sisal               |
| 3. Resene Quarter Tea   | 8. Resene Pearl Lusta           | 13. Resene Double Tea    | 18. Resene Rice Cake           |
| 4. Resene Spanish White | 9. Resene Quarter Spanish White | 14. Resene White Pointer | 19. Resene Thorndon Cream      |
| 5. Resene Alabaster     | 10. Resene Half Pearl Lusta     | 15. Resene Half Napa     | 20. Resene Half Sisal          |

These colours are all included in the Resene Whites & Neutrals colour chart and are part of the Resene Total Colour System featuring thousands of colours. A huge difference from the six colours that Resene used to offer 50 years ago!

## Beware of salt

Too much salt isn’t just bad for your health, it’s also bad for your paint job.

Salt can be a real problem in areas not naturally washed by rain and rinsing of these

areas with copious quantities of water is the best method of removing salt. Often waterblasters leave much of the salt behind or force it up behind weatherboards or into other crevices to cause problems later on. Old chalky paint and bare timber in coastal areas can harbour salt deposits and accumulate them over the years. Salt needs to be washed away or it will stain through waterborne paints and may also attack nails. Once salt has been painted over it cannot be removed and stains can only be blocked off by a coat of a solventborne paint.

Many of our cities are in areas rated severe or very severe corrosion zones. This means that contamination of buildings by salt spray from the sea is highly likely. Salt may accumulate in areas not washed by rain. Salt can also be left behind as a by-product of killing mould using sodium hypochlorite type bleaches.

Salt will bleed through waterborne paints and cause staining. Fresh salt deposits may be left by strong off sea winds requiring daily attention.

Prevent salt problems by thorough surface preparation including washing with copious quantities of freshwater.

While stains can be sealed off using Resene Sureseal or a solventborne system, in most cases it is more practical to seal areas where salt is likely to accumulate with Resene Sureseal before applying waterborne topcoats

It’s likely much weathered unpainted concrete will be prone to salt related issues so a first coat of Resene Sureseal is recommended. Likewise on old cracked weatherboards, opt for Resene Wood Primer to seal in any salt that cannot successfully be washed off.

Check out our online problem solver for handy solutions to other common paint problems at [www.resene.com/problemsolver](http://www.resene.com/problemsolver).



## Time to deck-orate

It's that time of year where customers want to get their decks looking good for holiday visitors and lazing about in summer.

Resene has four handy options to choose from:

- **Resene Woodsman Decking Stain**, waterborne penetrating stain for decks, available in a range of colours, including Resene CoolColour finishes to help reflect more heat.
- **Resene Woodsman Wood Oil Stain** for those who prefer a more traditional wood oil style finish.
- **Resene Kwila Timber Stain** designed for Kwila and other exotic hardwoods, very popular on decking, furniture and garage doors.
- **Resene Furniture and Decking Oil**, a lightly coloured oil ideal for decks and furniture.

And while you are tackling the deck, remember to do the furniture too. Either use the **Resene Woodsman Wood Oil Stain**, **Resene Kwila Timber Stain** or **Resene Furniture and Decking Oil** you used on the deck or opt for **Resene Timber and Furniture Gel**, which is much like a furniture polish but for outside. This is a thick product that can be applied to a variety of small timber substrates much easier than a normal stain.



Before you start the staining, use **Resene Timber and Deck Wash**. It's ideal for cleaning down timber surfaces before you paint or stain and on a regular basis to keep them in good condition.

Check with Resene ColorShop staff which product is right for your project.

## Quick life tips

Here's 11 rules of life to see you through the month...

1. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
2. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
3. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
4. There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
5. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tyre.
8. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
9. Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
10. The five critical words to remember (and use!) for a healthy relationship are "I apologise" and "You are right".

And given the holiday season is coming up soon...

11. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

## Top tip #3



That's all for now –  
catch ya next month!

TwoCan, Editor.

