

Decorating trends for 2018

Resene colour expert Nikki Morris' invaluable interior forecast shows how trends often reflect the times we live in.



Resene
Good As Gold



Resene
Black White



HANDS ON

As we resist a culture of mass production, we yearn for personalised spaces that have meaning. We want to connect with our environment, be more hands-on and say, "I did it my way." Now we can turn decorating into a journey of self-expression – painting patterns on a wall, upcycling old furniture, knitting a throw or crafting a cushion. We're rediscovering our creativity.

The pace of change and bombardment of trends has triggered this flowering of individual expression. The confusion of ideas makes us stop and think about what we really want and love. Paint effects are coming back but with a focus on more freehand and relaxed techniques.

Try: Combining your favourite Resene testpot colour with Resene Paint Effects Medium, as well as a little imagination.



Resene
Desperado



Resene
Half Opal

Resene
Salsa



Resene
Zinzan

Resene
Chalk Dust

WANDERLUST

As we seek a cultural connection and a break from the humdrum of everyday life, escapism is a welcome interior trend. Even if we can't physically roam, our minds certainly can. Drawing on the casual vibes of far-flung places to inform your paint and decor choices can help you travel the world at home.

Cultural touchpoints and nomadic sensibilities are reflected in ethnic prints, artisan crafts, tropical motifs and indigenous art as well as bohemian colour bases – think spicy tones, spring greens, plummy browns and sea blues. This movement is offbeat but certainly not matchy-matchy.

Try: Resene Desperado, Resene Salsa or the cooler Resene Half Opal.

SPACES DEFINED

In our modern world we seek a life of multiple purposes and experiences, so our spaces and possessions need to do the same. A living space now includes a study, a dining area and a reading nook, while a bedroom can transform into a living or study area or become a place in which to stream media.

Let colour be your guide for space definition. It visually anchors a desk top or bed to the wall, distinguishes a dining space and can define an entry. Half-painted walls, tonal changes of colour or even two feature walls in one room – it's all possible with paint.

Try: Colour contrast with Resene Zinzan and Resene Chalk Dust.



Resene
Thistle

Resene
Pitch Black

A LA NATURE

As we look for authenticity in a world where we feel pressure to quickly cast off one trend in favour of another, we are choosing to wrap ourselves in grounded tones, soothing textural finishes and earthy greens. We are creating simplified interiors with a more rustic, homely style, which feels honest.

Texture, timber, plants and artisan products in deep golds, rusty browns and soothing terracotta add depth. Tactile fabrics such as woven lampshades, baskets and knobby rugs soothe us as we take a journey back to nature.

Try: Resene Good As Gold, Resene Thistle or Resene Clay Creek. Enhance timber with wood stains in Resene Natural or Resene Pitch Black.



Resene
Alabaster

Resene
Truffle

EASY NEUTRALS

Of course, not all tastes are created equal and not everyone likes the same style, but in an increasingly shared world, we need to find common ground. The easiness and versatility of neutral colours is the answer. Let each member of your household add their own touches against a neutral and forgiving palette. It's freedom for all.

Try: Resene Alabaster, Resene Black White and Resene Truffle.



Resene
Clay Creek

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