

Pretty in pastel

WHAT YOU NEED

- An array of glass vessels
- Resene paints:
Resene Edgewater
Resene Willow Brook
Resene Caper
Resene Link Water
Resene Echo Blue
- Brush or similar, for stirring
- Old baking cooling rack
- Newspaper

Painted glass bottles make a stylish display on their own or with the addition of dried foliage. The paint is on the inside so they still have that lovely glass sheen.

(Note: Do not fill with water – these are for decorative purposes only.)

- 1 Clean and thoroughly dry glassware.
- 2 Mix the Resene paint well before using. Give it a good shake and stir.
- 3 Pour the paint into a glass vessel and swirl it around to coat the entire inside. You'll need to spend a bit of time moving and tipping the bottle to get an even coat.
- 4 Have an old cake rack ready on a piece of newspaper. When you're happy with the paint coverage in the bottle, place bottle upside down on the tray to drain off the excess paint. Ensure the tray is left in a safe place, where the glassware won't get knocked or blown over and broken! Continue painting other glass vessels.
- 5 When all the excess paint has run free, use a damp cloth to clean the rim and outside of the bottle while the paint is still damp and easy to remove. Stand upright and set aside to dry for at least a week.

HINTS & TIPS

Although this project is super easy, there are a few tricks that will ensure its success.

- The more paint in each vessel, the better. That way you can spread your paint more easily and get more even coverage. On bigger items you may need a couple of Resene testpots or 500ml.
- Hold your glass vessel up to the light to see any missed areas.
- Be patient! The paint takes a while to filter down to the neck of the glass and swirl around. Don't dilute your paint with water, as this can create an uneven coverage and cause patches to appear.
- Glassware with a small opening works best. Wide-neck bottles or vases are a little harder to coat evenly. If you do want to paint a wide open vessel, use a good-quality, soft paintbrush to help spread the paint on the inside where it will be visible from the top. If you use a hard-bristle brush it is likely to leave streaks and a rough finish.

Resene Willow Brook



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