

# Feature wall dos and don'ts

Switch it up with fresh new looks that are high on impact and low on cost.

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## DO

### accentuate the space

A dark colour will appear to recede, so you can use this visual effect to deepen a space. A flat wall at the end of a hall provides an opportunity to apply this trick. Resene Bokara Grey is a dark charcoal, warmed with undertones of yellow and red. Painting it on the back wall injects drama, while its dark tone creates an impression of greater depth, making the hall feel longer.

## DON'T

### forget to play with texture

A cost-effective way to add texture to a surface is by applying anaglypta paper before painting. Alternatively, you can simply add layers of visual texture using plants and ceramics. Add hanging pot plants or position slimline shelves against your wall for an arrangement of favourite collectables.

House by Riva Homes, rivaohomes.co.nz

Resene Bokara Grey

Resene Sea Fog

Resene BFF

Resene Peace



Gold deco table, vase, washed woven and linen cushions, Maiko Nagao prints all from Good Thing, goodthing.co.nz

Tired of looking at the same plain walls? Sometimes we want a change of scene, but lack the time, budget or inclination to do a total room makeover. With a pot of paint and just a few hours of your time, feature walls offer the quick and easy way to liven up a space and inject fresh energy. Here are some tips and tricks to keep in mind.

## DO

### be brave

Do you adore a certain colour but couldn't imagine a whole room in that shade? A feature wall allows you to be bold – in manageable doses! An intense wall colour can add the illusion of warmth while forming a dramatic backdrop for art. For instance, the frolicking coral pink of Resene BFF injects a blast of fun into a previously gloomy space with this Wes Anderson-inspired gallery wall (above).

## DON'T

### pick the wrong wall

Not every room has an obvious hero wall. Consider a room's existing features and look for its natural focal point. For instance, in a bedroom, the wall behind the headboard is often a good option. If your lounge lacks a fireplace, or other obvious focal points, think about where you position the room's main items of furniture and imagine how colour might provide a backdrop to showcase these key pieces. For example, the muted green of Resene Peace adds tranquillity and substance to this simple lounge space and provides a perfect foil for the room's greys and golds.

## DO

### make the most of neutrals

A dramatic accent wall will visually enlarge a space and create a contrast that makes the rest of the space seem brighter by comparison. Make the most of this effect by matching your feature colour with a complementary neutral. For instance, Resene Sea Fog has a hint of grey which makes it an ideal sidekick for Resene Peace. It is used here on the door and skirting board. **g**

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