

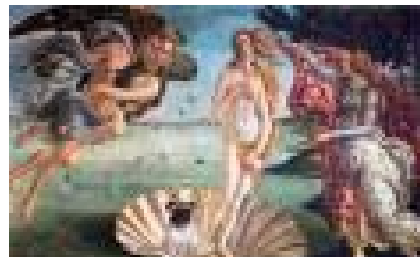
aqua



aquamarine teal turquoise ming

This is a colour we could not live without. Uplifting and serene, energetic and enlightening. It has many names - aqua, teal, turquoise and ming.

A refreshing scheme always includes the clear, energetic blue-green, which has the calming effect of blue with the warm touch of yellow. These aqua colours imply physical fitness, health and mental clarity. They are expansive colours, suited to bathrooms, bedrooms, patios and pools. Blue-green is considered to be one of the most healing colours, providing protection from germs and infection.



Aqua is a colour that has been seen for many centuries, in paintings by Sandro Botticelli and Paul Gauguin, illustrations inside Egyptian tombs, fine colourful silks from India, exotic tapestries and fine rugs from China. From the Mediterranean Sea right down to the Pacific Ocean, this colour has an historical presence.

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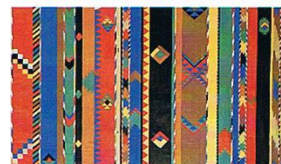
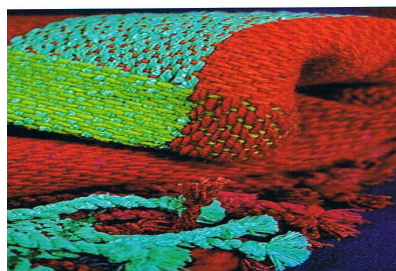


bathrooms + bedrooms - Resene Endorphin, Resene Pelorous and Resene Paradise



refreshing rejuvenating cooling energising

A refreshing colour - contemporary, effervescent, cooling, rejuvenating and energising. It is frequently seen in swimwear, cosmetics, glassware, tiles and outdoor furnishings. Advertising, packaging and shopping bags for bathing and home spa products are often designed in turquoise shades. In kitchens, bathrooms or outdoor spaces, glazed ceramic tiles in aqua add a feeling of summertime and relaxation.



summer tropical exotic

Teal implies warm weather and water, and unlike most blues it doesn't recede but has a distinctive presence. It is an exotic colour and can convey this feeling to a space when used with other exotic colours like raspberry, lime, purple, emerald and sapphire, such as Resene Optimist, Resene Allports, Resene Groovy, Resene Sensual Red

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The paler shades of aqua also give a tropical feeling to a colour scheme, such as the pastels allude to sunshine reflecting off water, and a feeling of lightness and transparency. These tints suggest island lifestyles, exotic fish, frosty long drinks and white sand. Leisure and travel are implied by this tropical colour scheme as seen in resorts in the Caribbean or art deco hotels at Palm Beach.

Joy and happiness are the feelings associated with pale aqua. It is common to see these shades used in commercial interiors, such as casual restaurants, sportswear stores, hair salons and health spas. The lightness and transparency of tropical colours work well with sheer fabrics and crisp cottons, always looking fresh and clean



colourful happy carefree



sea sunshine tropical oceanic reflectance translucence

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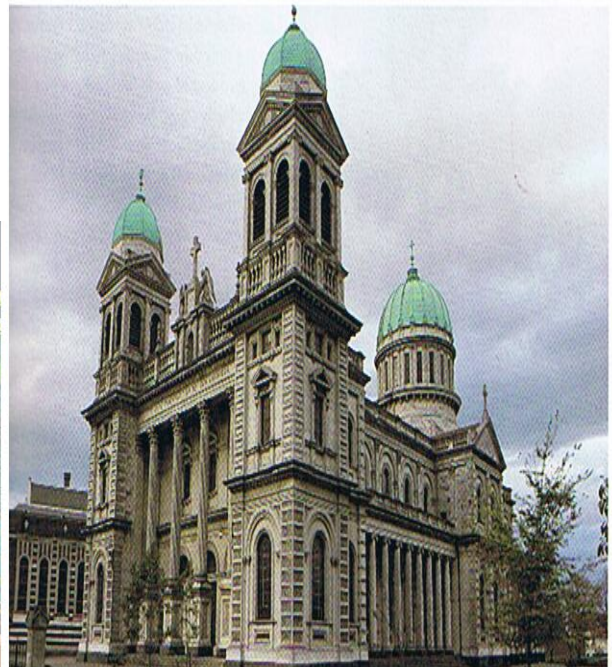
soothing calming elegant delicate

Pastel tints of aqua work beautifully with chocolate brown or aubergine, and for a totally cool feel use them with mineral grey. The palest, icy green-blues are cooler, think of icebergs and glaciers.

Eau de nil and celadon are tints of aqua, seen on the glazes of ancient Chinese pottery. Very pale and elegant turquoises can be used to create subtle and elegant arrangements. Verdigris effects like tarnished copper suggest preloved objects, such as stained old pine furniture or aged metal decorating accessories.

To create a scheme with a Shaker feel, combine plain white and greened turquoise. Or try duck-egg blue in a restricted space like a hall to make it feel bigger, or in a living room or bedroom to evoke a sense of serenity.

Resene colours to try - Resene Cut Glass, Resene Escape, Resene Ashanti.



aged effects verdigris patina

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intriguing receding silvery glazed

Give the colour depth by building up layers of washes and glazes, or choose flat paint that will have a softer powdery feel.

The slightly greyish shades of turquoise have a silvery quality, such as duck-egg blue or eucalyptus green. They are intriguing shades, easy to live with and tend to breathe vitality into a sombre space. Their worn and faded quality provides a comfortable background for furniture and they never impinge on a space.

Resene colours to try - Resene Destiny, Resene Tasman, Resene Periglacial Blue.



mineral metallic burnished

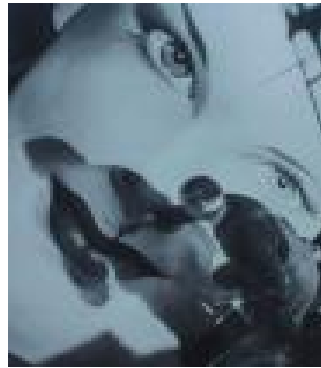
A cool grey-blue-green is often associated with Scandinavian design and works well with light coloured furniture. When using an inherently cool colour, texture is important. A matt texture gives depth and adds warmth, while a high gloss finish may look like a pond that has iced over and immediately feels cold. Soft peachy terracottas or strong earthy reds balance the coolness of such shades.

Resene colours to try - Resene Tsunami, Resene Norwester, Resene Streetwise.



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moody teal understated - Resene Marathon, Resene Beatnik



pastels pretty fresh clean

Pastels, like gelato ice cream, are always in vogue and work nicely together or with white. Pastel aquas are ideal for bedrooms and bathrooms.

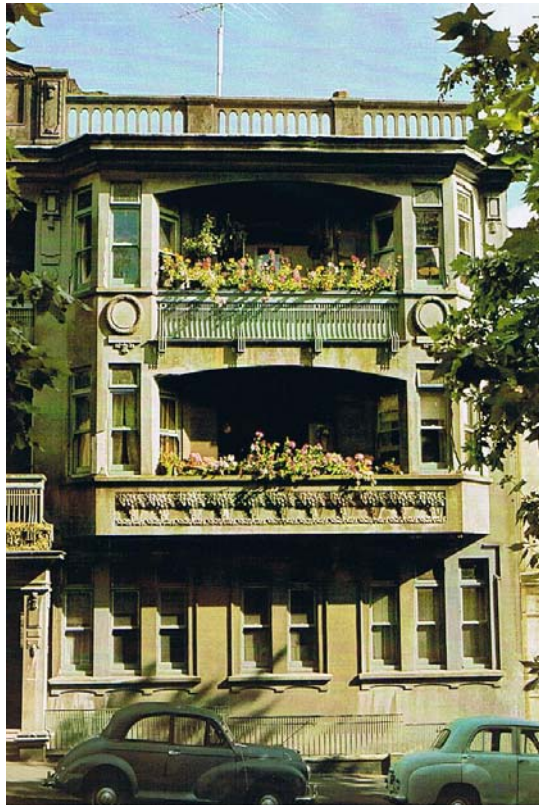


teal + terracotta + saffron + red oxide

Teals combine well with earthy reds and oranges or saffron yellow to add warmth.

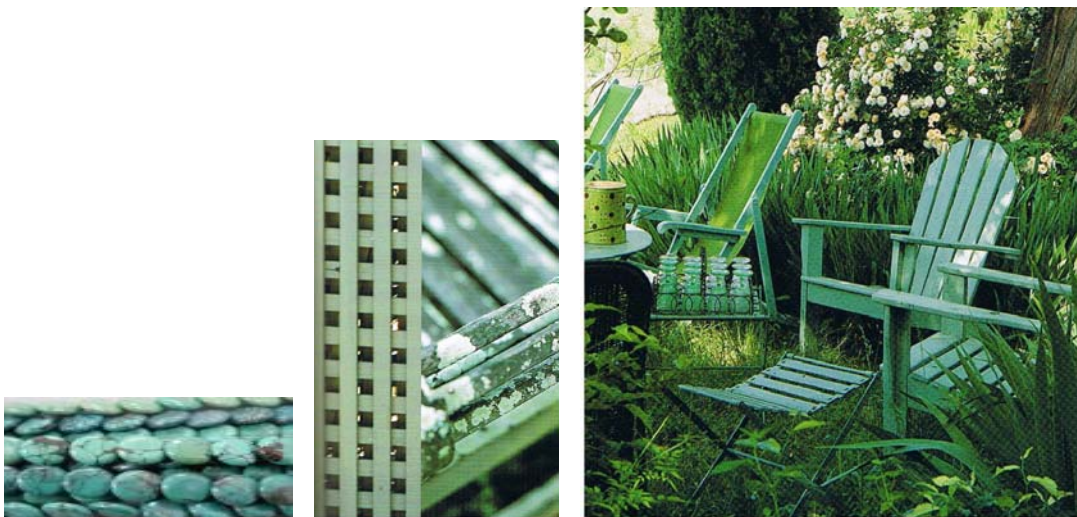
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concrete + turquoise

Teal is not a colour used so frequently on exteriors, but it can look quite amazing teamed with other strong colours, such as warm yellow and brick red in the picture (previous page) of a 1900s house. In contrast, the softer shades work beautifully with natural concrete on these 1915 apartments (above). Teal works well with most timbers, bricks and tiles, or plaster walls in shades of biscuit to terracotta. A Mediterranean or French Provincial style can be enhanced with teal shutters or trims.



lichen moss + weathered timber



old memories of turquoise, aqua and teal



paradise exotic fun feathers

Blue and green should never be seen... Not anymore! Bright and colourful, a related colour scheme with blues and greens and all the colours in between can work very well to brighten up a dull space.



glacial crystallised



arctic translucent