

COOL COLOURS

When presented with the brief for Cooke House, architect Nic Owen faced the problem of how to pay respect to a run down double-fronted Victorian cottage whilst bringing it into the 21st Century. The owners of the house in Melbourne's inner north wanted to transform the cottage into a spacious, environmentally conscious and exciting home for their young family. Nic Owen responded to the brief with a renovation that employs a clever use of light, space and colour, and the result is a house that is innovative, stimulating and demonstrates an environmentally sustainable design. Instrumental to the sustainable design was the 'Cool Colour' paint technology by Resene, which was utilised to reflect the heat of the sun from the house and reduce cooling costs. [Text: MK]

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