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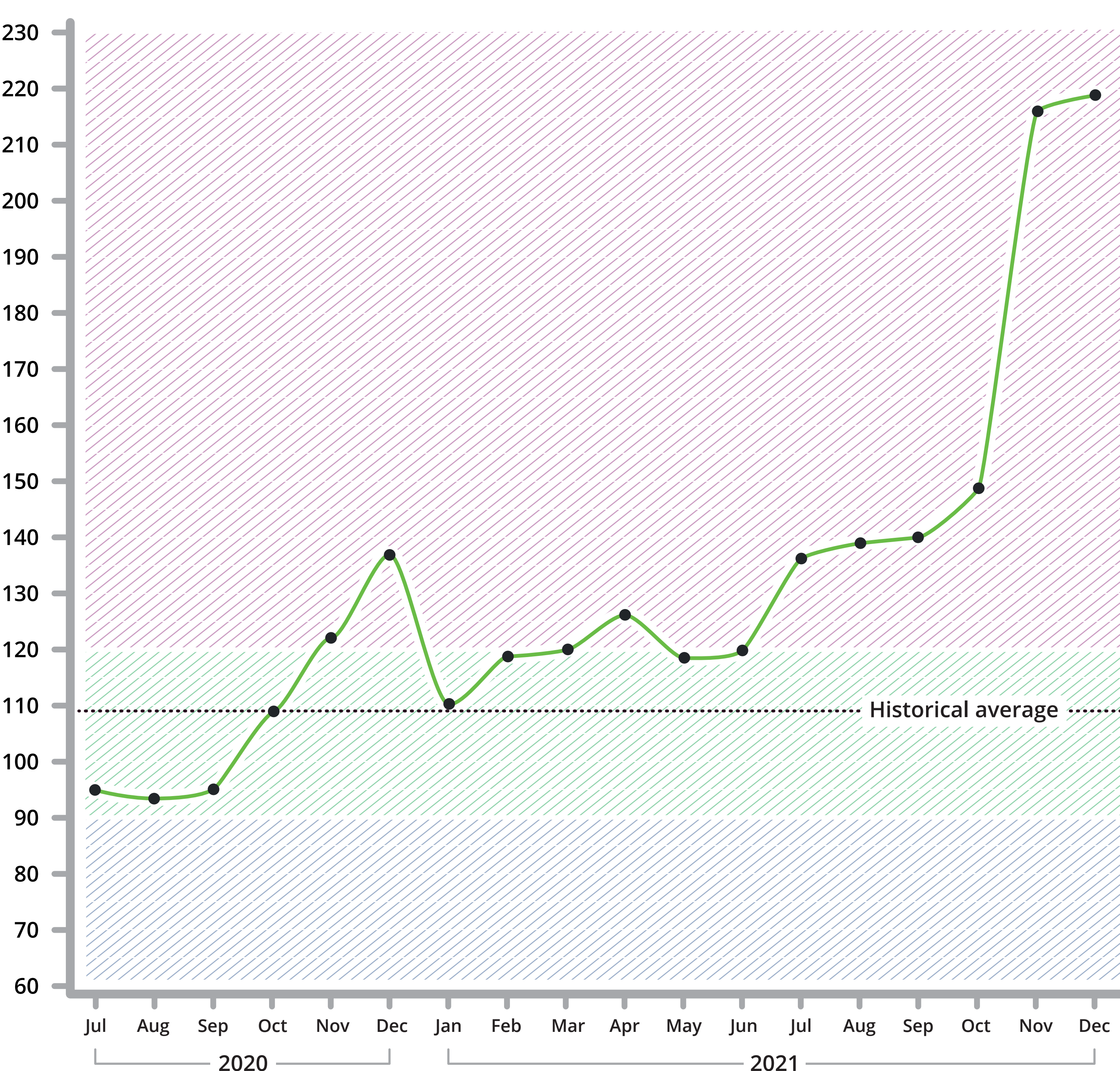
# Trade Demand Index

November saw a record jump in pressure, with trades facing similar demand in December.

Material shortages are continuing to affect the possibility for some jobs to proceed or begin. The big drivers of demand are also showing some signs of slowing down. In particular, big fiscal stimulus and subsequent house price increases are both slowing while interest rate rises and inflation are both up. We also expect Omicron to dampen demand in the coming months. With all that said, we expect high demand to continue based on the overarching housing shortage that New Zealand is experiencing.

**About this index:**

Our Trade Demand Index aggregates a variety of Builderscrack data-points into a representative measure of demand on the trades sector.



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# Movers and Shakers:

## Top 20 Trades

Our Index recorded that Concreting & Paving and Cabinetry contractors were especially feeling the heat in December when compared to previous months. Gardening, Tiling and Plastering contractors have experienced a slight downward shift in pressure, while many other trades in the Index have maintained their previous position.

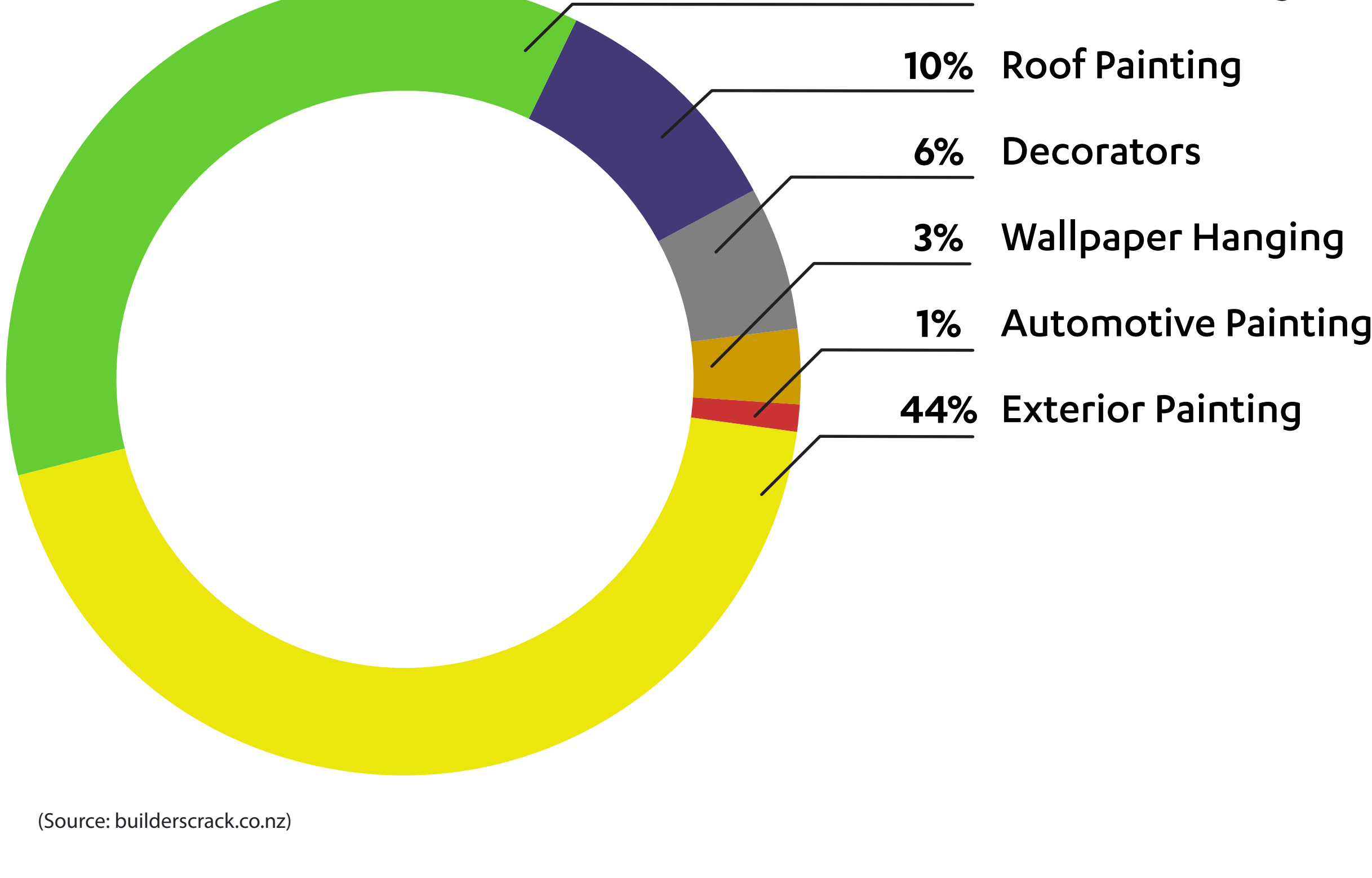
Trade Position	Change	Trade Position	Change
1 Bricklaying	- 0	11 Renovating	- 0
2 Cabinetry	▲ 2	12 Gardening	▼ 4
3 Flooring	▼ 1	13 Carpentry	▲ 3
4 Cladding	▼ 1	14 Fencing & Gates	- 0
5 Gasfitting	- 0	15 Tiling	▼ 6
6 Roofing	- 0	16 Plumbing	▲ 1
7 Handyman	▲ 3	17 Plastering	▼ 2
8 Building	▼ 1	18 Excavation	- 0
9 Concreting & Paving	▲ 4	19 Painting & Decorating	- 0
10 Landscaping	▲ 2	20 Electricians	- 0

(Source: builderscrack.co.nz)

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# Trade Spotlight: [Painting and Decorating]

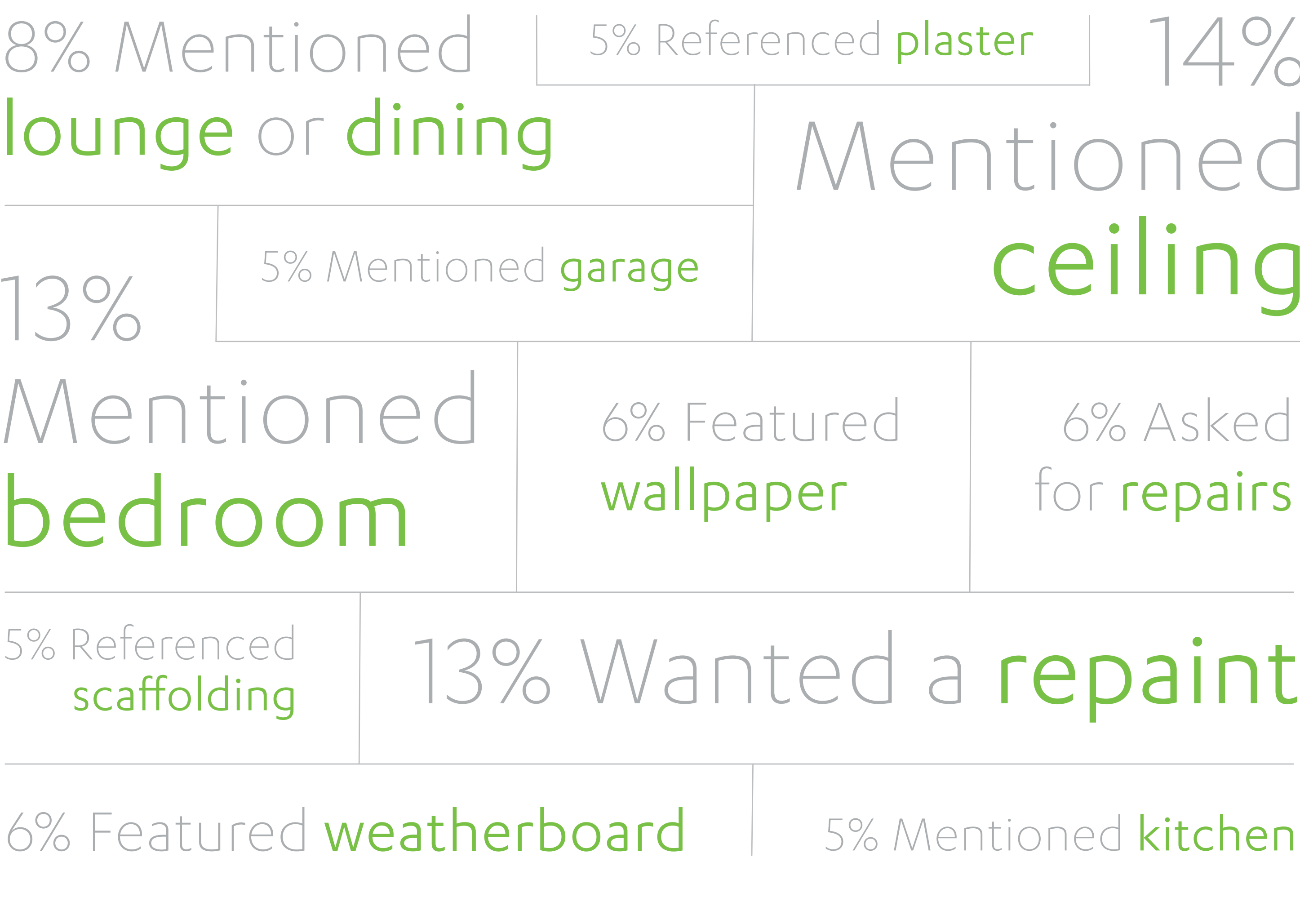
The temperate weather and faster drying times makes Painting and Decorating a popular choice for many homeowners over the summer. Exterior repaints for weatherboard, brick, window frames and doors have been high on the priority list. Same goes for interior repaints before the sale or release of properties.



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# Painting & Decorating Insights

These were some of the top trending words in Painting & Decorating job descriptions from the past month.



**Stats NZ**  
Tatauranga Aotearoa

# Construction Jobs Up

The construction industry had the largest increase in the number of jobs filled, comparing November 2021 with November 2020.

**8.6%**  
increase in construction jobs which equals  
**15,853** jobs

(Source: Stats NZ)

# Key Takeaways

- Demand pressures remain high going into 2022
- Try to account for material price increases in quotes
- Consider alternative hiring options such as apprentices

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