

For reasons of space, these applications are only available on this month's magazine disc.

Backdrops provides 46 attractive patterns which can be used as full-screen backdrops with the RISC OS 3 Pinboard.

The application is incredibly simple to use - just click on the required pattern in the window and instantly the background will be filled with that pattern.

The patterns are tiled from sprites of various sizes contained in the application, and you could replace these with your own designs if you wish. If you come up with anything worthwhile, RISC **uR** User will consider publishing sets of patterns on future magazine discs.

RISC OS 3 provides what is known as a Resources filing system, ResourceFS. This holds the applications which are built into the RISC OS 3 ROM (Paint, Edit, Draw etc.), and also resources such as template and message files for these and other, module-based, applications such as the Desktop, ADFS and so on. It is possible to add disc-based applications to ResourceFS, and also to replace some or all of the resources files with your own (for example, to provide a messages file for use in another language), but this is not a simple matter to achieve, as it requires the construction of a module containing the necessary files.

That's where the handy little application presented here comes in. NewResrc creates the resources module for you - all you have to do is drag the appropriate application or resources files to its window, and then save the module to disc. Installing the module then automatically adds the resources contained within it to ResourceFS. Using NewResrc allows you to keep all your favourite applications in memory ready to be installed from the Apps window which is permanently located on the RISC OS 3 icon bar. Or you may want to replace all the regular message files with your own (or even redesign Edit's templates to suit yourself!).



Pinboard Backdrops



Resource Generator

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Full instructions on how to use NewResrc are included on the disc. Also supplied is a module called GermanRisc which was created using the program. This provides German messages for many of the ROM-based applications such as the Wimp, Alarm and ADFS.



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