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DESIGN HANDBOOK

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We all have a dream for our home, and with James Hardie, **It's Possible™**

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Welcome to the James Hardie Modern Homes Forecast 2025, our annual research report on the future of home design.

The drivers that shape the direction of modern design are in a continued state of flux and our research must keep up with pace of change. There is an ongoing need to evolve and redeploy the research to identify how home design styles are evolving and keep James Hardie at the forefront of modern home design.

Hardie™ fibre cement products open up a world of design possibilities, empowering homeowners and trade professionals to create dream homes of long-lasting protection, shelter and beauty.

Whether you are planning a renovation, new build, or extension, this forecast will be an invaluable tool on your journey.

Welcome to the James Hardie Design Handbook. It's time to Build Your Modern Life.



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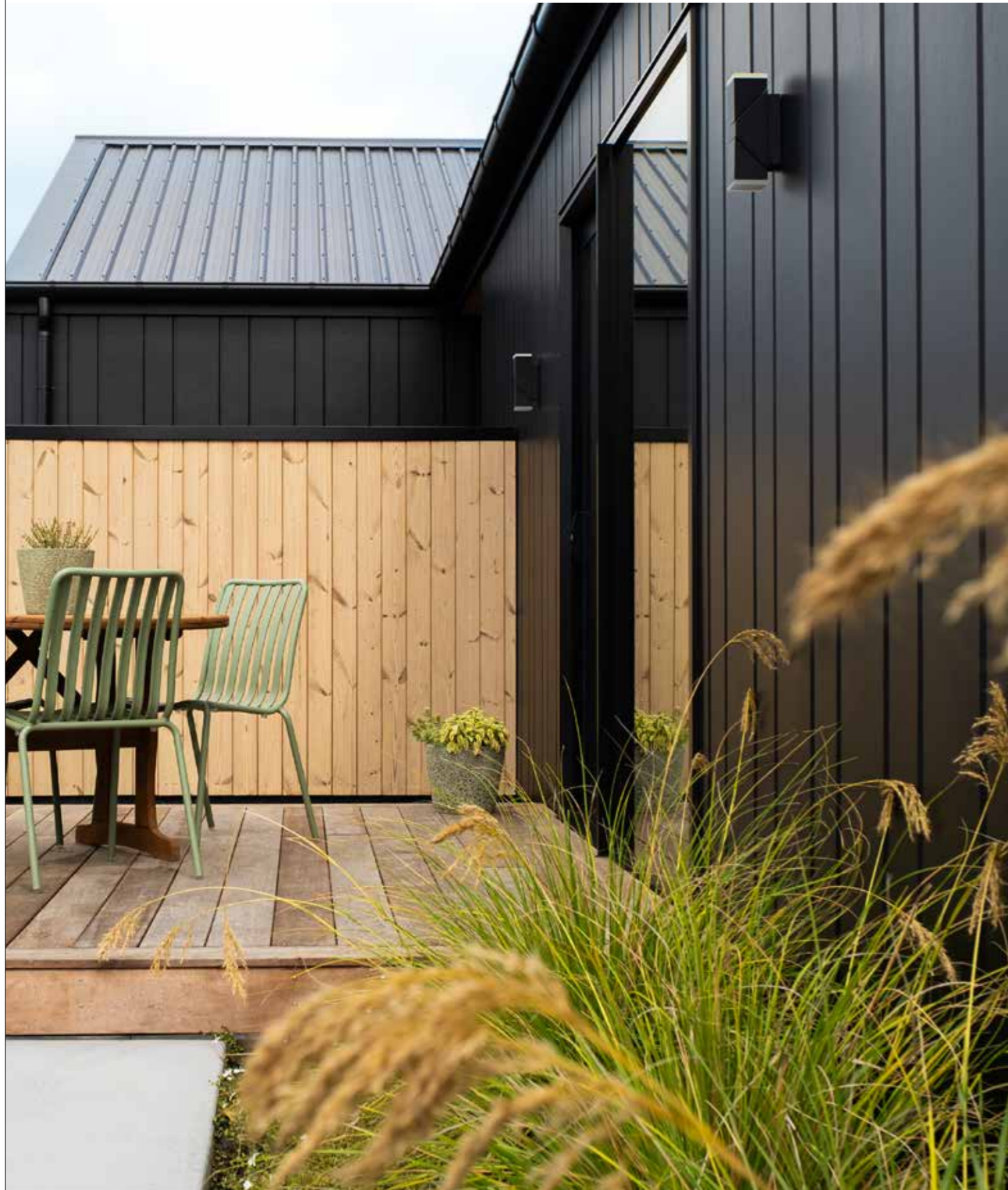
- Softer exterior textures
- Generous balconies for enhanced outdoor living
- Relaxed and clean lines
- Monochromatic colour palette

Open. Airy. Light-filled.

Inspired by relaxed Kiwi holidays at the beach, the Modern Bach style offers a contemporary take on traditional coastal design with laid-back spaces, modern minimalism and dark, vertical cladding.

Modern Bach

Style overview



Flexible roof

A modern angular skillion roof, bold gable or flat roof style adds clean modernist lines to the facade and immediately evoke a contemporary Kiwi and coastal architectural style.

Vertical cladding

The fresh facade typically features earthy, dark lightweight vertical cladding such as weatherboards. The elongated vertical facade is dominating this modern evolution of coastal living.

Earthy colour palette

In New Zealand the coastal homes merge with their surrounds, and are sympathetic rather than standing out. Darker and more earthy tones are favoured creating a seamless transition between the house and the surrounding landscape.

Wellbeing

The pared back, effortless coastal design epitomises laid-back luxury ideal for entertainment and relaxation. Indoor/outdoor flow and coastal views ensure an uninterrupted connection to nature and one another.

Interiors

Inside, the Modern Bach style often includes an open-plan living area, with a focus on natural light and a connection to the outdoors. The use of neutral colours, such as white, gray, and beige, helps to create a relaxed and calming atmosphere, complementing the more rustic and neutral expression of these homes.



Exterior Style

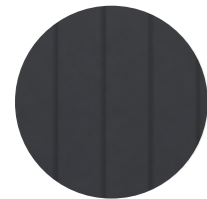
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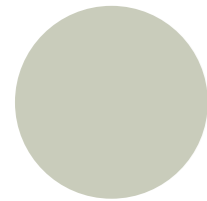


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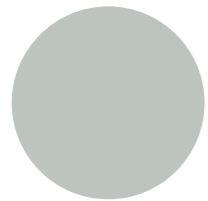


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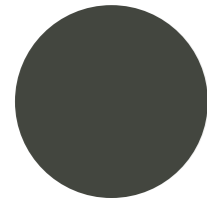
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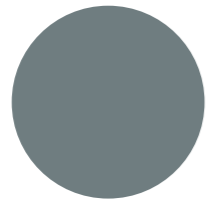
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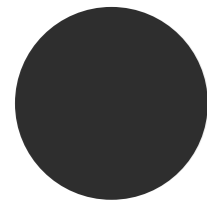
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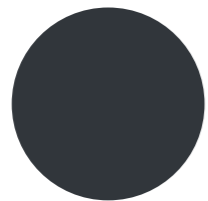
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Interior Style

Recommended products



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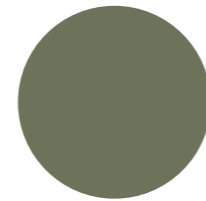
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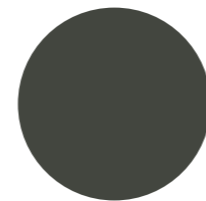
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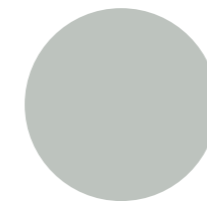
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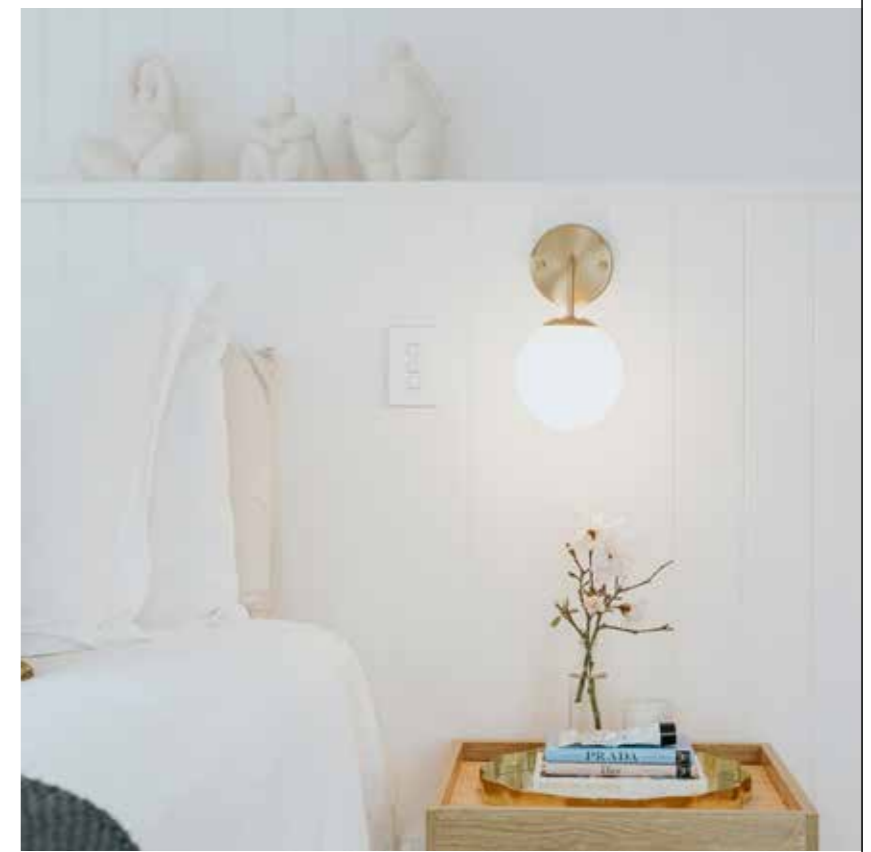
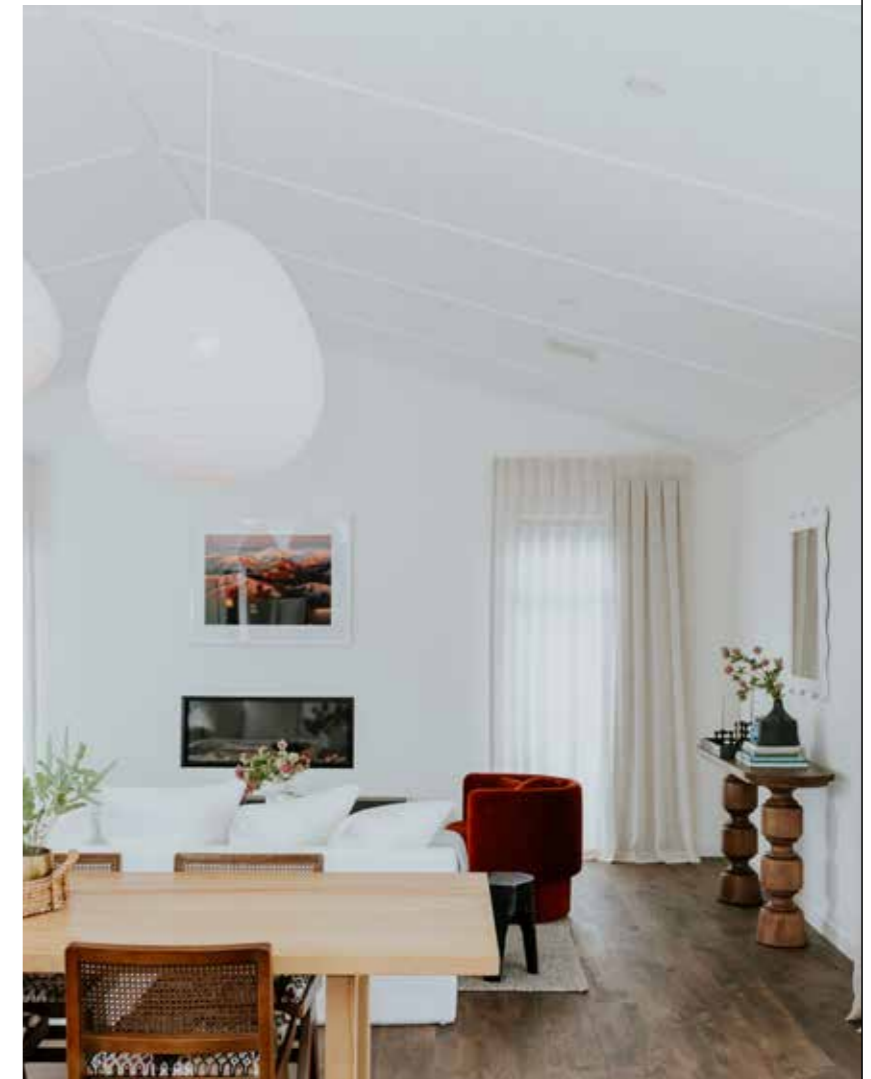
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Design trend characteristics



Modern Bach

Modern Bach

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm, vertical

01

Doors

The simple profile of a shaker-style door perfectly evokes beachside luxury. Use matching or complimentary doors inside the home for a consistent look and feel.

02

Accents

Use of screening provides a design contrast and are a great way to provide privacy and protection from the coastal elements.

03

Landscaping

Landscaping should feature hardy, native plants that can thrive in coastal environments, including banksias for height, saltbush and pigface for groundcover and agapanthus for pops of colour.

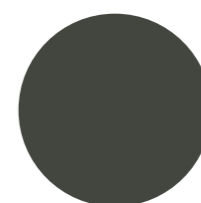
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Hardscaping

Gravel pathways are a cost-effective yet impactful way to achieve the modern coastal look and feel like you're walking on sand and rocks at the beach. Gravel comes in many different sizes and colours, so you can easily complement the house's colour scheme.

05

Colour



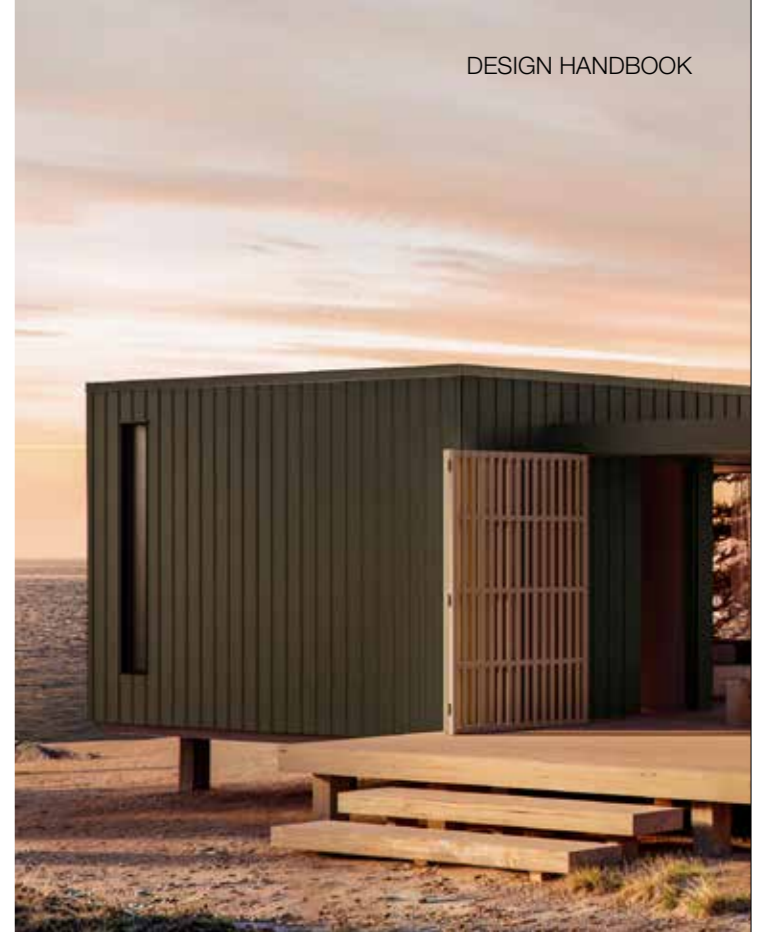
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Open.



Modern Bach

Light-filled.



Airy.



Modern Bach



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Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim

Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm





Easy. Flexible. Cosy.

Combining dramatically high ceilings with flexible floor plans, the Barn offers rural charm in urban surroundings. As the style has evolved, the Barn has become illustrative of simple, relaxed design with an emphasis on function and family.

Barn

Style overview



Flexible roof

While the peaked roof is symbolic of the heritage of this design, modern interpretations play with the roof lines to create asymmetry and the use of bold colours to stand out from the crowd.

Colour blocked

The simplicity of shape and cladding dominant materiality of the barn calling out for bold colour blocking. Think terracotta's, reds and even pastels to stand out from the crowd in urban and regional settings.

Deep and/or absence of eaves

There should also be either a complete absence of eaves or oversized eaves which provides a striking silhouette and shade to entrances and alfresco areas.

Large rectangular windows

Floor to ceiling windows accentuate the length of the house. Combine with outdoor decks and large sliding doors to connect with nature.

Interiors

The key design flexibility qualities of the Barn style include open floor plans, multipurpose living spaces indoor/outdoor integration and energy efficiency upgrades.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



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Weatherboard



Stria™
Cladding

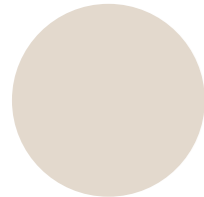


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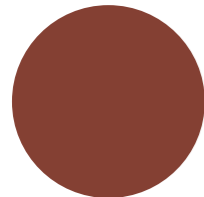
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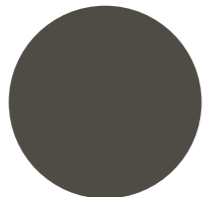
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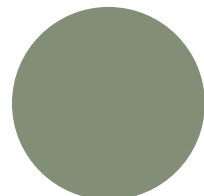
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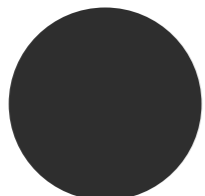
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Interior Style

Recommended products



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Groove Lining



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Recommended paint colours



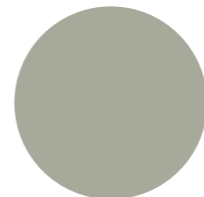
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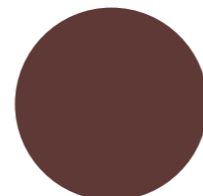
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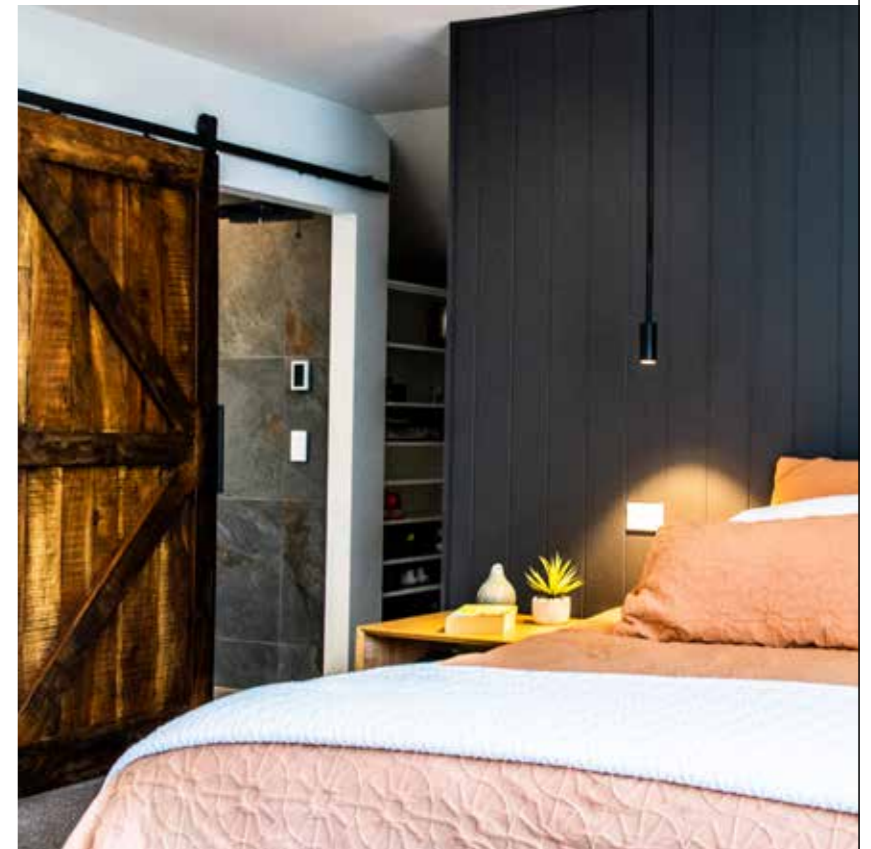
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Lake Hayes



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Te Aroha



Design trend characteristics



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm, vertical

01

Doors

Oversized centre statement doors, give the design a grand entrance and continue the colour blocking by matching it to your cladding. Sliding barn doors internally add to the rustic-chic look.

02

Accents

A fireplace or firepit brings rustic charm to outdoor entertaining spaces.

03

Landscaping

Barn-inspired gardens are all about simplicity with plenty of space to move. Show off a perfectly manicured lawn with medium-sized trees and floral ground cover for pops of colour, such as pansies or tulips.

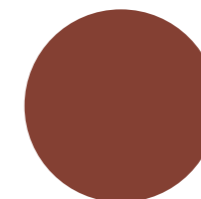
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Hardscaping

Take a minimalist approach to hardscaping elements. Simple paved entrances and patio areas are functional and enhance the indoor/outdoor living.

05

Colour



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Pioneer Red

Easy.



Barn

Cosy.



Flexible.



Barn



Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm



Symmetrical. Simple. Versatile.

The Box Modern style is characterised by large blocks or cube-shaped volumes that are stacked, intersecting, or arranged to form compelling, contemporary residences.

Box Modern



Style overview



Box Modern

Hidden roof line

Parapet walls hide the roof line and make it appear flat. The capping or guttering can blend with the cladding or be used to create a dark outline to accentuate the shape against the sky.

Contrasting exterior

Horizontal or vertical cladding or even panel layouts with mixed materials distinguish each box shape.

Flexibility

In Box Modern design, the simple box shape takes on new meaning. New Zealand design has given the box character through mixing materials, playing with colour and height. It has maintained its popularity due to its versatility. Low boxes stay cool and are more cost-effective, while stacked boxes create modular flexibility for multi-generational living.

Interiors

The modular design allows homeowners to adjust spaces like bedrooms, living areas or fitness zones to suit evolving needs.



Box Modern

Exterior Style

Recommended products



Axon™ Panel
Brushed Concrete



Stria™
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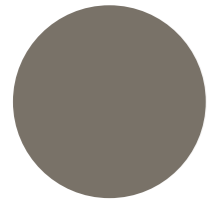


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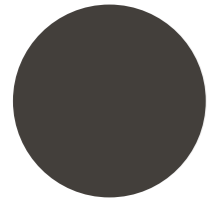
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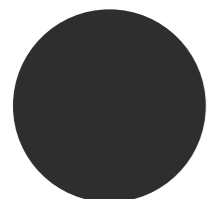
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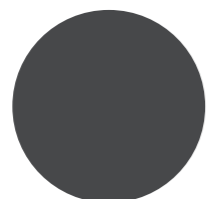
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Interior Style

Recommended products



Hardie™ Groove Lining



Axon™ Panel Grooved

Recommended paint colours



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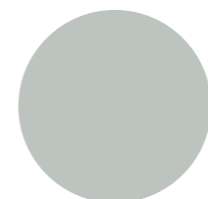
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Design trend characteristics



Box Modern

Box Modern

/ Stria™ Cladding 325mm and Linea™ Weatherboard

01

Doors

An over-sized front door with stacked rectangular glass panels mimics the geometric shape of the house and lets natural light into the home. If space allows, a double door adds to the bold, grand design.

02

Accents

Modern "box" lighting provides ambience and security to the outside of the home.

03

Landscaping

Clusters of lush, textured plants soften the hard edges of angular architecture. For flower beds and edgings, kangaroo-paws bring colour and velvety texture. Grevilleas, wax flowers and mint bushes are ideal for shrubbery.

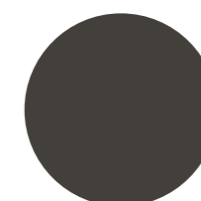
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Hardscaping

A smooth, neutral coloured concrete or asphalt paths and driveway will ensure the home's bold exterior pops in the streetscape.

05

Colour



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Dulux®
Haast Half

Symmetrical.



Box Modern

Versatile.



Simple.



Box Modern

/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm



/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm and Linea™ Weatherboard 180mm

/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm





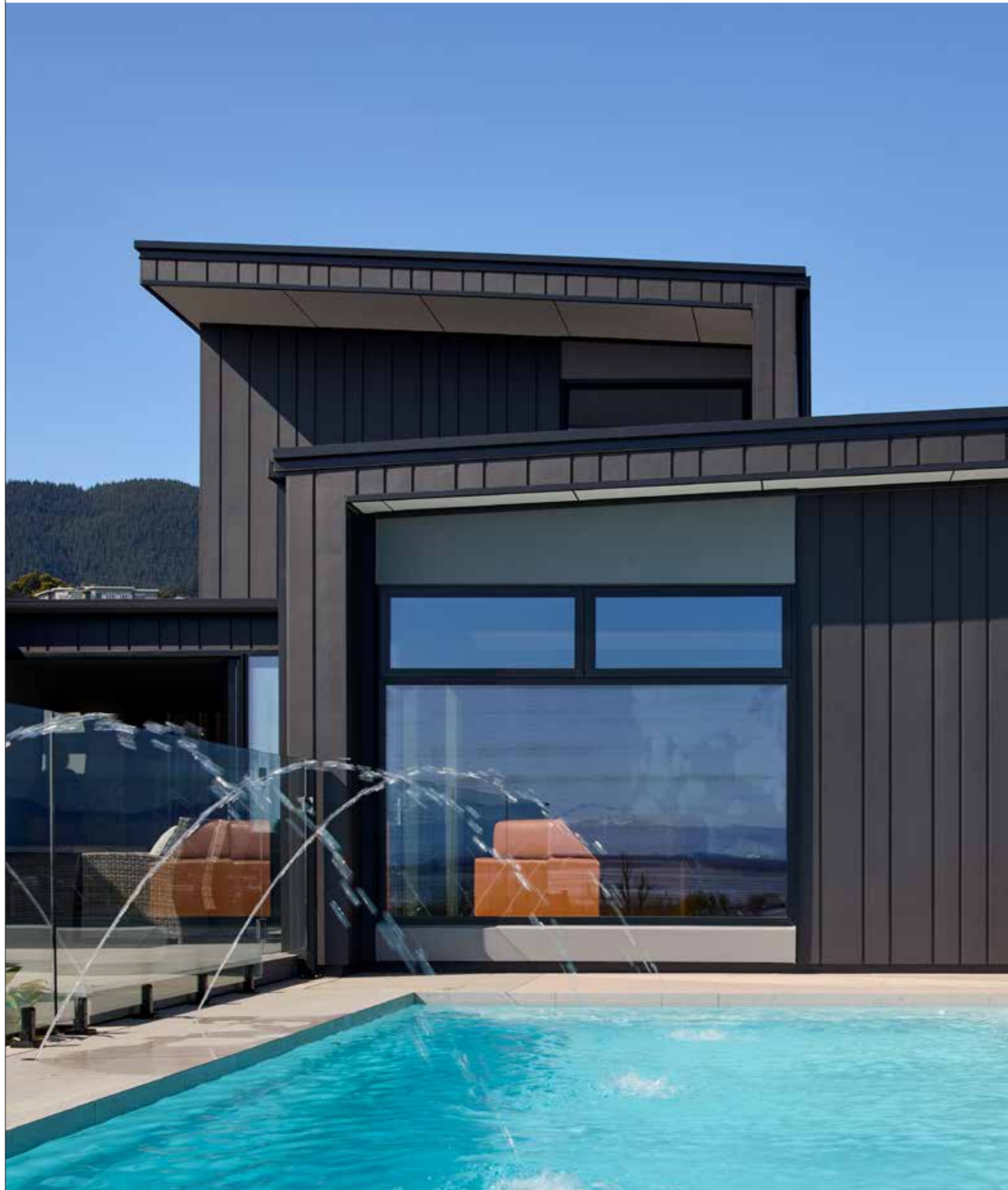
Spacious. Light. Nostalgic.

Mid-Century Modern remains timeless and relevant thanks to its practicality, simplicity and sense of optimism. The style harmonises modern simplicity with the nostalgia of Mid-Century Modern architecture.

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Mid-Century Modern

Style overview



Feature roof line

The roofline defines the shape of the structure. Roofs are hidden behind parapet walls or are gently sloping in skillion, butterfly and gable styles. They often feature large overhangs.

Organic and geometric shapes

Straight lines and exposed angular structures and right angles are at the heart of the style.

Flexibility

Mid-century Modern homes are celebrated for their flexibility—features, which include open floor plans, indoor/outdoor integration and strategic window placement.

Interiors

Skylights and lightwells are a feature of mid-century design, as well as multiple access points to the outdoors. Clever, functional zoning and efficient use of space ensures the design caters to the demands of the modern family.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Oblique™
Weatherboard



Axon™ Panel
Brushed Concrete



Linea™
Weatherboard



Stria™ Cladding

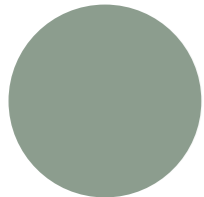
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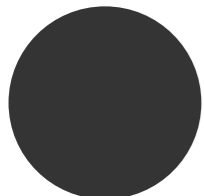
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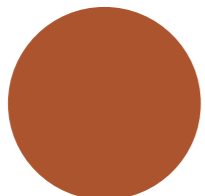
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Interior Style

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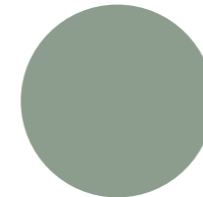
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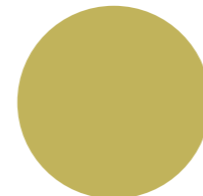
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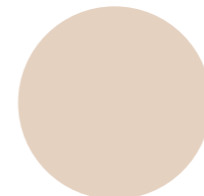
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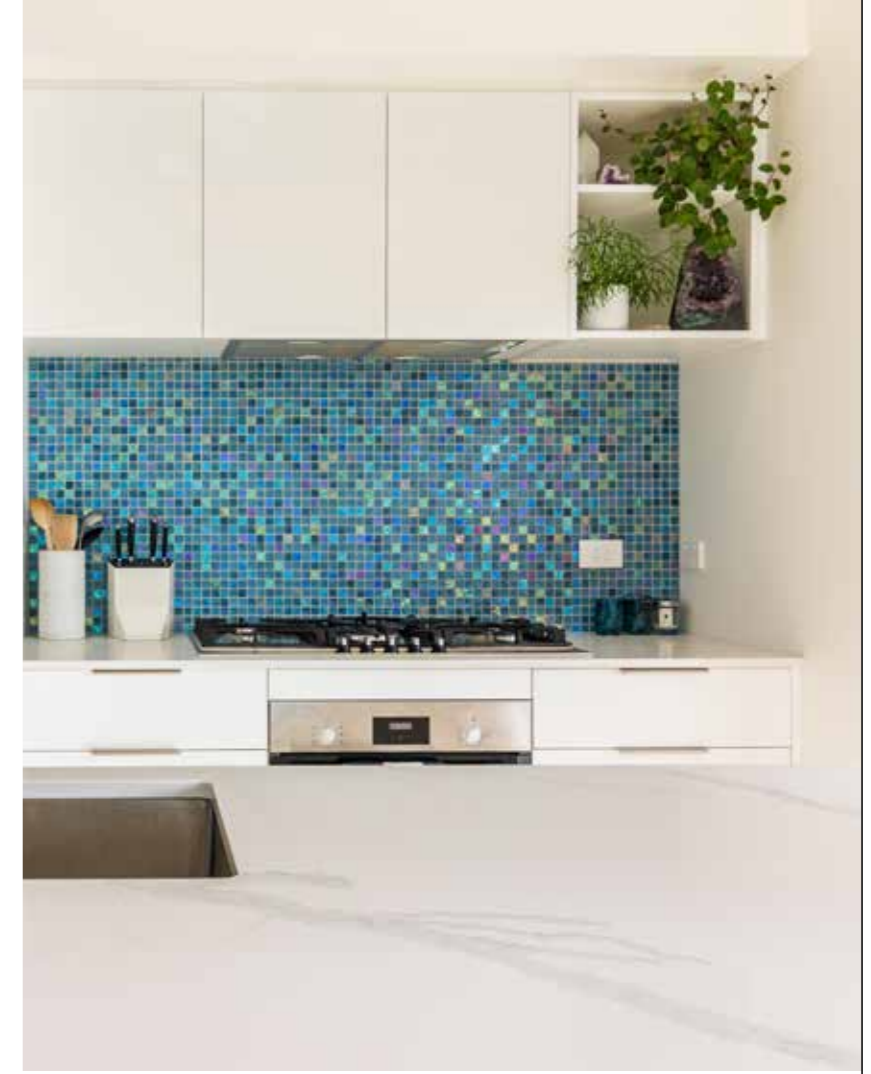
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Design trend characteristics



Mid-Century Modern

Mid-Century Modern

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm, vertical

01

Doors

A contrasting coloured front door, with a feature handle is an eye-catching addition to the home's entrance.

02

Accents

Minimalist sconce lights in organic shapes to contrast the strong angles of the dominant roofline, such as a tubular design that throws light up and down. Bold house numbers in a thin, straight font on the facade and letterbox ties the look together.

03

Landscaping

Mid-century modern landscaping is minimal, reflecting the "form follows function" design approach. Hardwearing, low maintenance plants are ideal, such as ornamental grasses and native shrubbery. For a Palm Springs inspired look, go for mix of cacti and succulents in different heights and textures with pebbles.

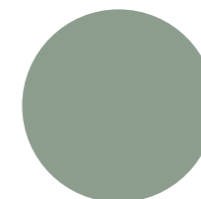
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Hardscaping

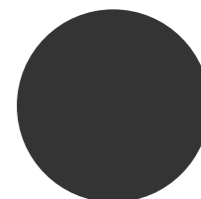
Crazy paving in outdoor areas or around a pool evokes the retro vibe. Large, stone pavers for pathways and breezeblock walls can also bring the mid-century look to life.

05

Colour



Dulux® Remutaka Range



Dulux® Bethells Beach

Spacious.



Nostalgic.



Light.





/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm

Dulux®
Remutaka Range



/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm and Linea™ Weatherboard 180mm

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm



Cohesive. Classic. Comforting.

Modern Farmhouse style blends rustic style with modern convenience, with pitched roofs and large windows that create a sense of openness and connection to the landscape.

05

Modern Farmhouse



Style overview



Design flexibility

The style is a contemporary expression of classical farmhouse architecture combining modern asymmetrical massing with the classic farmhouse gabled roof. Modern Farmhouse designs often feature multiple inter-connected buildings facilitating multi-generational living.

Contrasting materials

Natural-look materials such as board and batten cladding, stone pathways and steel window frames play a key role in creating texture. Large windows on the exterior combine with open-plan living areas and soaring ceilings to balance grandeur with traditional charm.

Neutral colour palette

Neutral colours beige, grey and white allow for the materials and textures to be the focus and create an atmosphere of calm and serenity.

Large windows

Large, square or rectangular paned windows create a warm and inviting ambiance. Signature black window frames add a sleek element to the traditional farmhouse aesthetic.

Interiors

Go classic or modern in your selections, choosing well proportioned, super-comfy pieces in neutral tones. Open plan living areas, soaring ceilings and large windows create a balance of grandeur with traditional charm.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Oblique™ Weatherboard



Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim



Stria™ Cladding



Linea™ Weatherboard

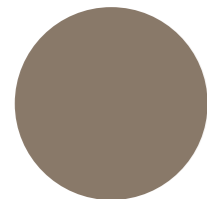
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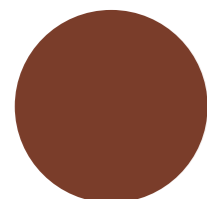
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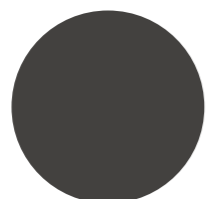
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Oblique™ Weatherboard

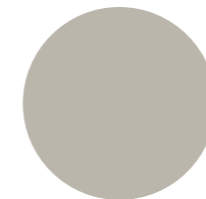
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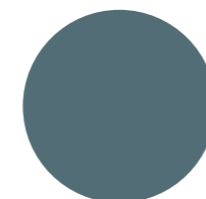
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Dulux® Sandfly Point Half



Dulux® Waioeka



Dulux® Haast



Design trend characteristics



Modern Farmhouse

Modern Farmhouse

/ Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent Trim (Board and Batten)

01

Windows

Steel window frames play a key role in creating texture and complement the natural surroundings.

02

Accents

A classic picket fence or post and rail fence adds a touch of charm and defines the boundaries of your outdoor space. Black vintage or industrial look sconce lights or garden lighting enhance the farmhouse look.

03

Landscaping

On large blocks, a grand, mature tree in the front or back yard evokes farmhouse living and provides shading. For more formal garden design, lilly pilly and callistemon varieties are ideal hedging to surround a timeless turf lawn.

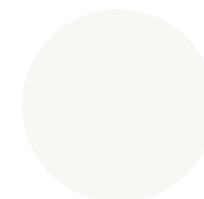
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Hardscaping

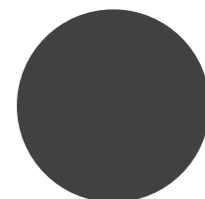
Crazy pavers bring a contemporary twist to formal paths and driveway. Choose contrasting colours to create visually dynamic landscapes.

05

Colour



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Colorsteel® Ironsand

Cohesive.



Modern Farmhouse

Comforting.



Classic.



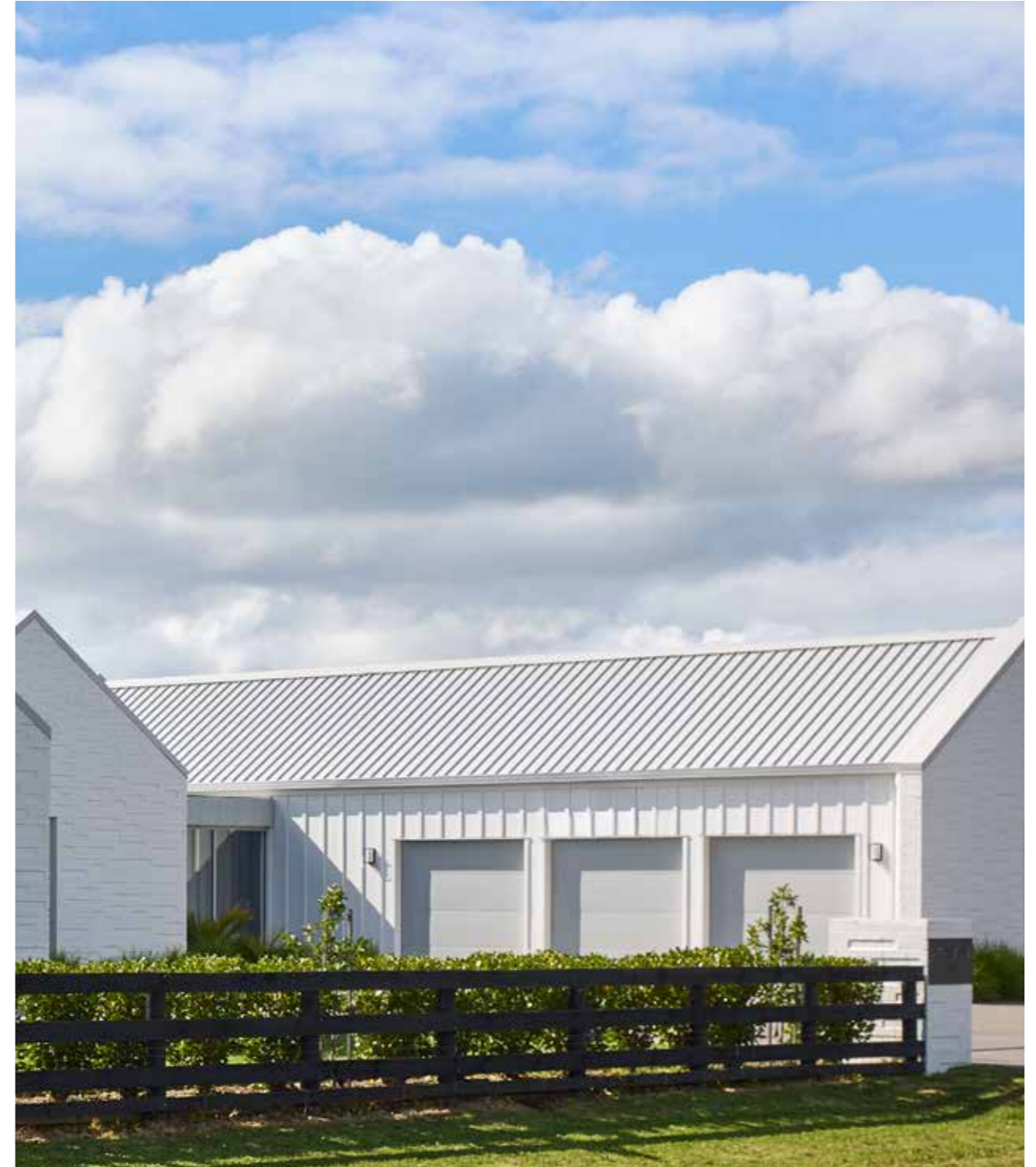
Modern Farmhouse



/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 300mm

Dulux®
Narrow Neck Quarter

/ Axon™ Panel Smooth with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim



Serene. Easygoing. Minimalist.

Japandi is hybrid architectural style combining Scandinavian functionality and Japanese rustic minimalism to deliver comfort and a connection to nature.



Japandi

Style overview



Minimalist architecture

Simple structures with clean, sleek lines. Roofs can be flat, gabled, hipped or square pyramidal with deep overhangs to protect windows from rain.

Building efficiencies

Japandi design emphasises efficient building techniques by incorporating streamlined energy systems, simplified construction methods, water-efficient features and durable, sustainable materials.

Complementary colours

A collection of earthy, neutral colours. The richer colours of Japanese design help to keep the stark, crisp palettes of Scandinavian homes from feeling clinical or cold.

Wellbeing

Japandi homes are designed with a view to wellbeing, with neutral colours, simple layouts and indoor-outdoor connection, providing a sense of tranquillity. Design features such as as shoji (moveable screens), fusuma (sliding doors) a tokonoma (recess or alcove), genken (entryway), engawa (covered outdoor corridor), and courtyards, among other elements to blur inside and outside.

Interiors

Interior style is minimal without being cold, utilising natural materials, neutral colours and simple layouts with an emphasis on indoor-outdoor connectivity.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Axon™ Panel Grooved



Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete

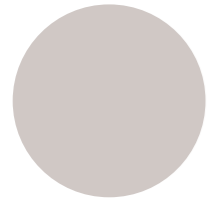


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Stria™ Cladding

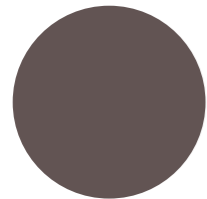
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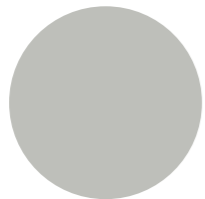
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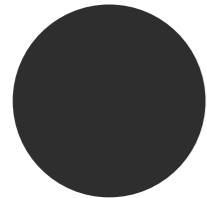
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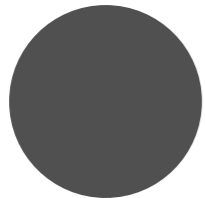
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Interior Style

Recommended products



Oblique™ Weatherboard



Hardie™ Groove Lining

Recommended paint colours



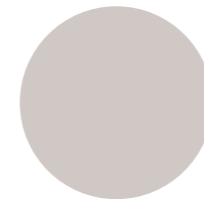
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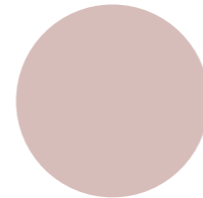
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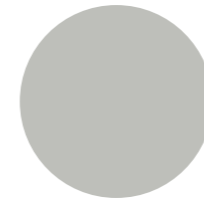
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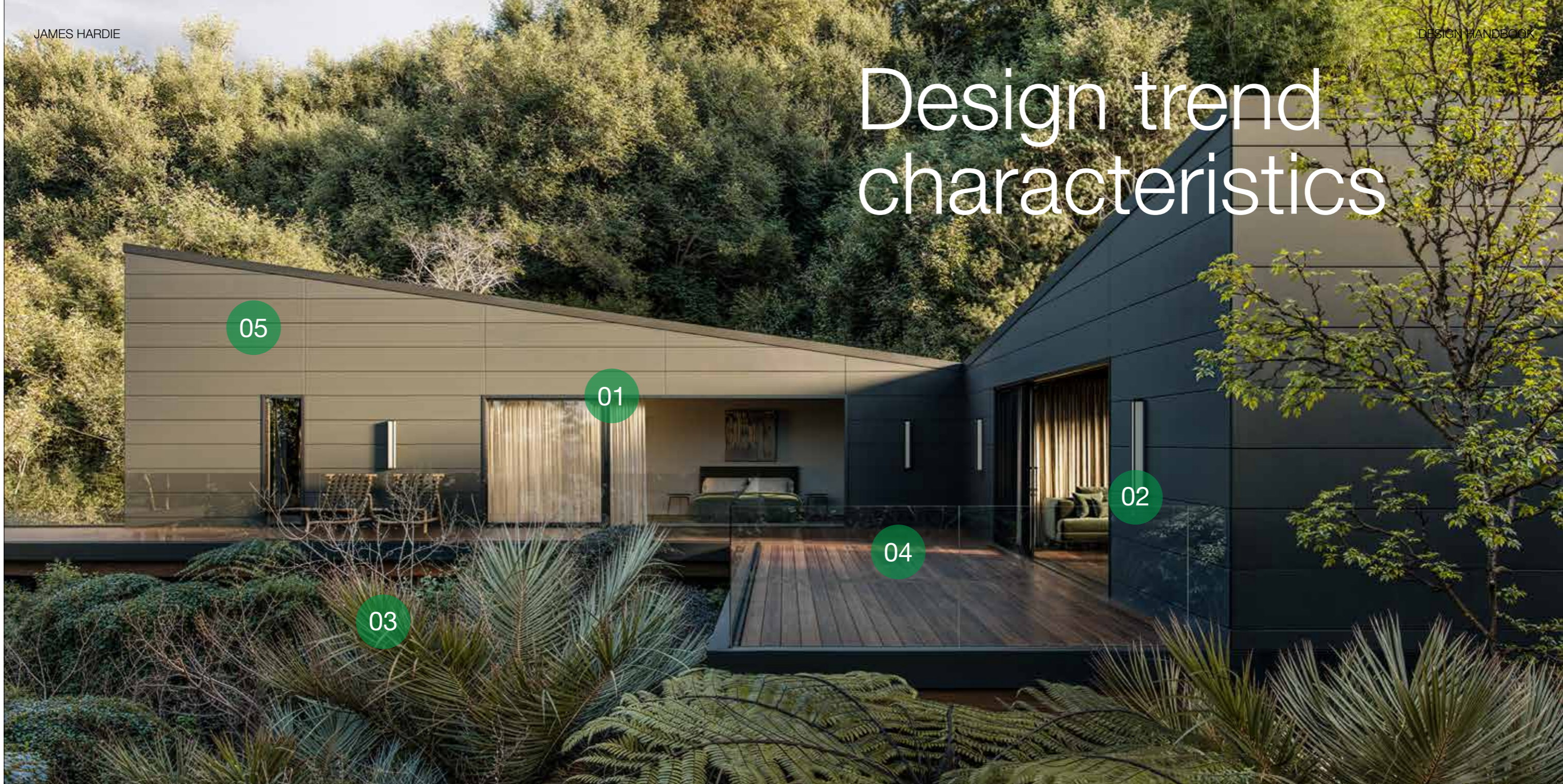
Dulux® Tapawera



Dulux® Lyttelton



Design trend characteristics



Japandi

Japandi

/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm, horizontal

01

Doors

Sliding or bi-fold doors accentuate indoor outdoor connection. Timber-look framing adds warmth, particularly where there is an abundance of glass.

02

Accents

Glass balustrades enhance the Japandi-style sense of wellbeing and tranquility by bringing the home closer to nature.

03

Landscaping

Zen-inspired landscaping will bring the Japandi look to life. Simple and minimal garden design. A Japanese maple tree in the centre of the front-yard will draw the eye, complimented by low-lying shrubs and grasses.

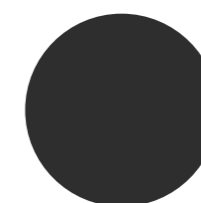
04

Hardscaping

Boulders and stones used as retaining walls or as a large, singular seat accentuates the shapes of the garden. Connection to the indoors through outdoor living areas, such as decking areas, verandahs or balconies evokes Japandi philosophies.

05

Colour

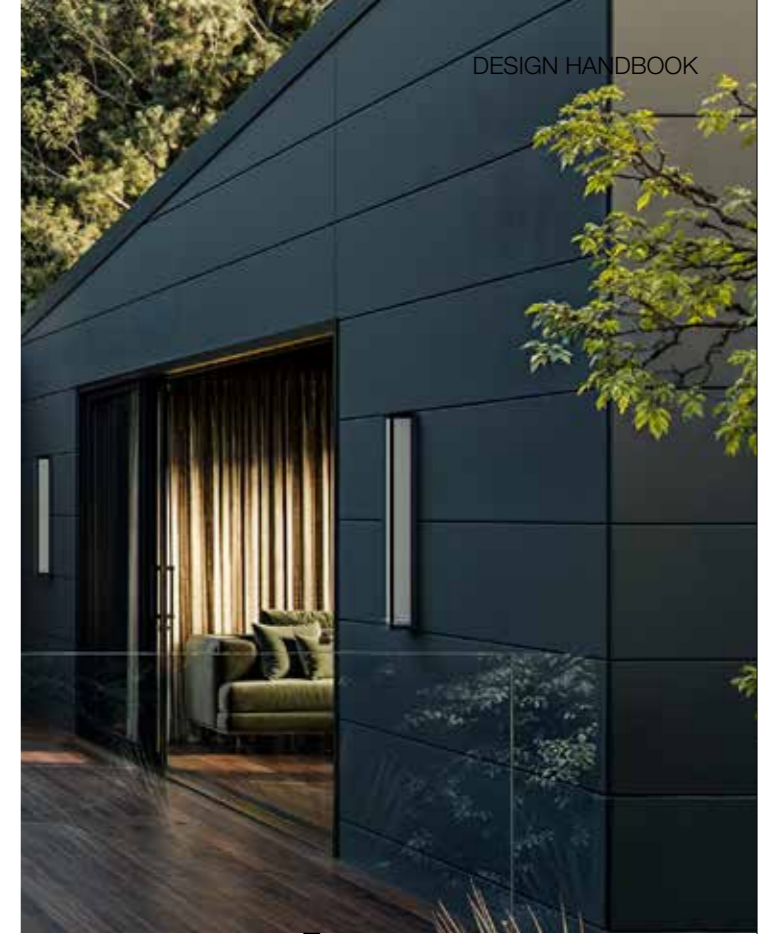


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Blackwood Bay

Serene.



Minimalist.



Easygoing.





Axon™ Panel Grooved 133mm



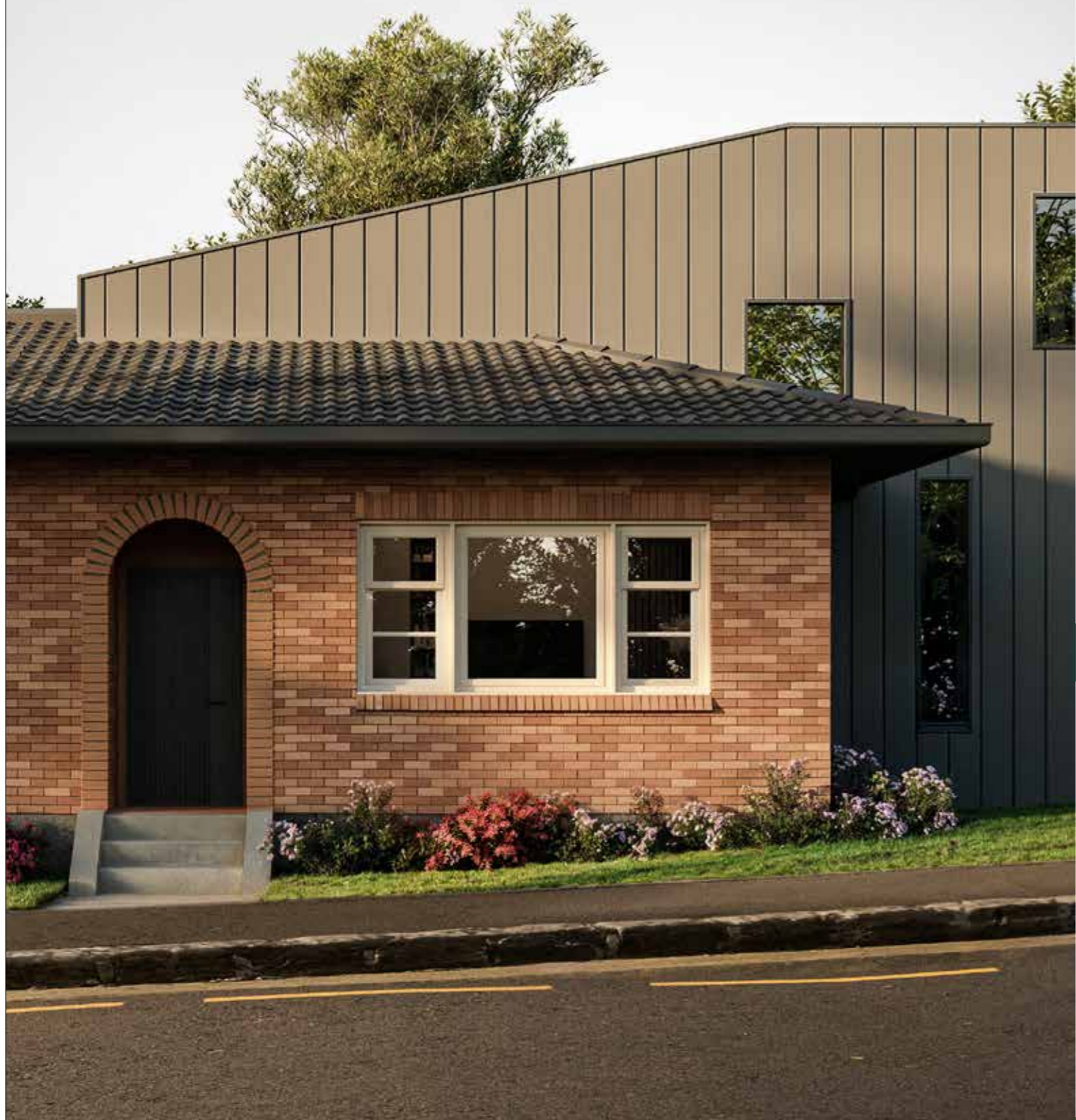
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/ Axon™ Panel Grooved 133mm



Timeless. Contrasting. Creative.

Modern Heritage is a renovation style that merges old with new, providing a unique glimpse into the past combined with contemporary contrasts through colour, shapes and materials.



Modern Heritage

Style overview



Flexible roof

The roof style can either match or contrast the existing structure with closest matching flashings, gutters and barges. Flat roofs are often adopted in the back with minimal millwork retained on the roof edges to retain heritage characteristics.

Modern extension

The style allows for revelation of the existing building and celebrates the original materials and the history of alterations. The modern extension should complement the character of the home whilst blending into modernity.

Wellbeing

Small, terraced houses often have a sheltered area or courtyard at the back for modern living bring the outside in, while larger homes can feature multiple verandahs or patios for a deeper connection to nature.

Maximised natural light

Ample windows and openings in the extension to address the darkness of older homes, flooding the building with natural light.

Interiors

Modern Heritage designs prioritise efficient building techniques and thoughtful updates to create contemporary, open-plan, multipurpose living spaces while maintaining their traditional charm.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Oblique™ Weatherboard



Linea™ Weatherboard

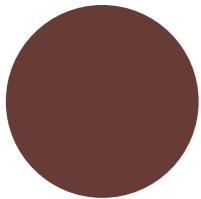


Stria™ Cladding



Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete

Recommended paint colours



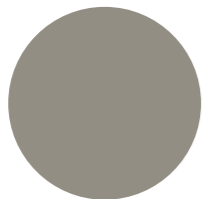
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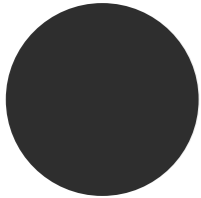
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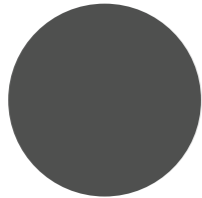
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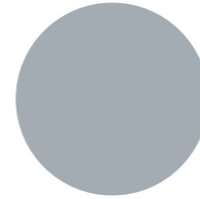
Interior Style

Recommended products



Hardie™ Groove Lining

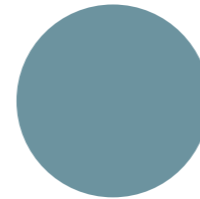
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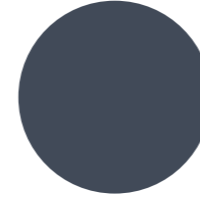
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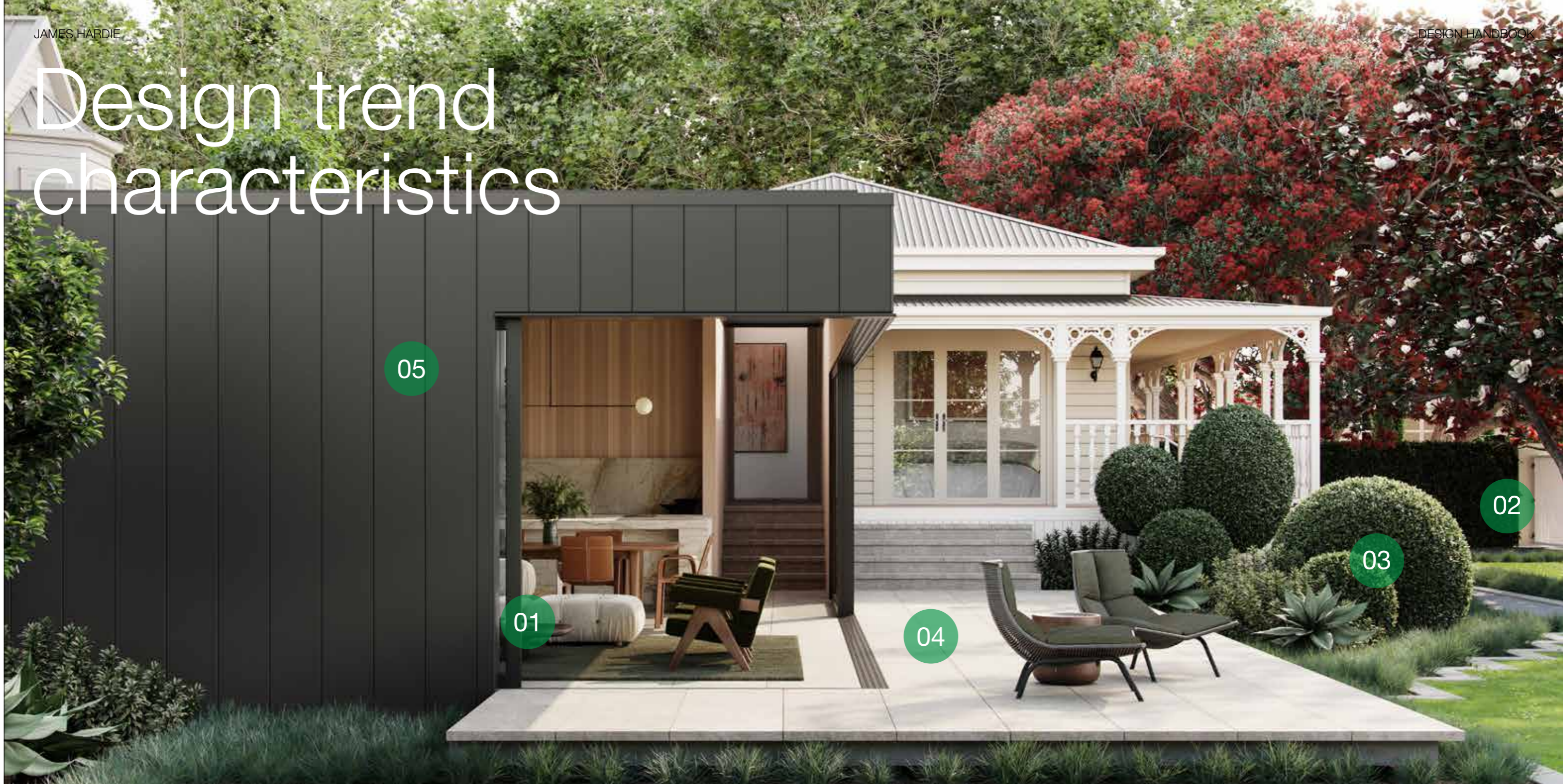
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Dulux® Haast Half



Design trend characteristics



05

01

04

03

02

Modern Heritage

Modern Heritage

/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm, vertical

01

Doors

Doors on the home's extension should be simple and sleek in design, allowing the heritage features of the original structure to shine. Screening on upper storey extensions let light in while providing privacy from close neighbours.

02

Accents

A classic picket fence is timeless, complimenting both the original building and new extension. Keep fixtures and fittings such as lighting, window frames and door handles on the modern building simple so the heritage details stand out.

03

Landscaping

Landscaping should reflect the era of the original structure, such as formal hedging around the front yard to add a sense of grandeur to the home. Given the urban nature of this style, creepers and high back fences lend privacy.

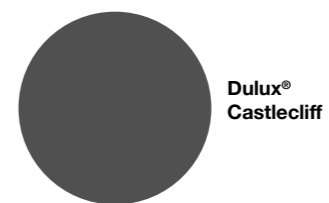
04

Hardscaping

Where the new extension is at the rear of the property, ensure hardscaping compliments both styles of building. Brick paving can look both formal and industrial. The material and colour choice should tonally complement the home's trims and accents.

05

Colour



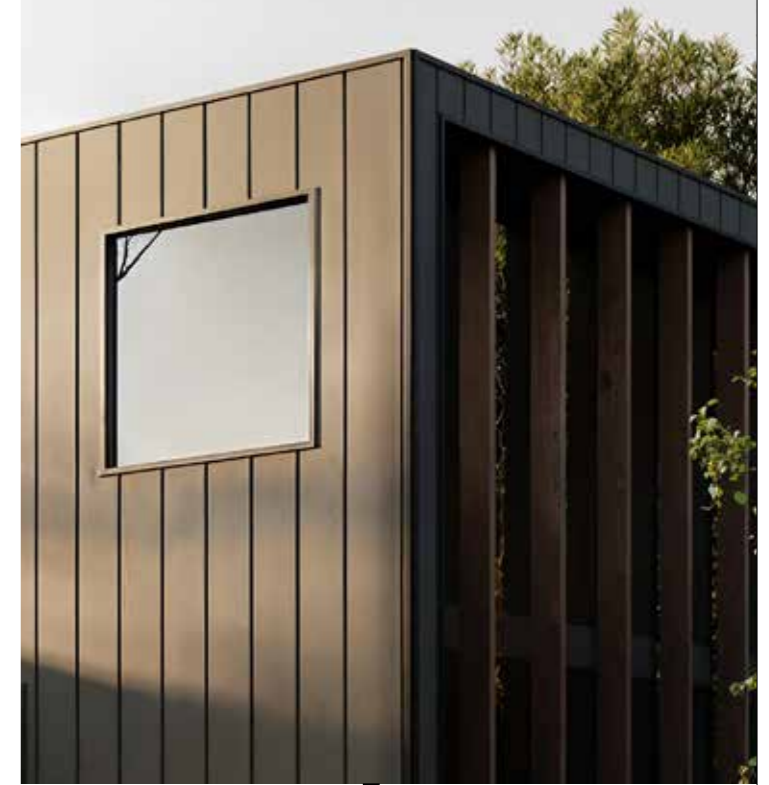
Dulux® Castlecliff

Timeless.



Modern Heritage

Creative.



Contrasting.



Modern Heritage



/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm



/ Stria™ Cladding 405mm

Elegant. Warm. Whimsical.

Modern Classic is a contemporary twist on the elegance of a neoclassical exterior combined with the natural tones more typical of Mediterranean style homes, creating a balance between classic and whimsical.



Modern Classic

Style overview



Grand exterior

The combination of a straight-edged, boxed facade and flat roof creates a blend of classic sophistication and elegance with a modern charm. The Modern Classic style reflects the ideals of leisure and wealth and is designed to make a statement while exuding warmth, relaxation and ease.

Monochromatic

The exterior is often finished in black and white or contrasting black steel to add visual interest.

Interior colours

Interiors feature curvatures, natural light, neutral coloured and textured materials and simple shapes. Simple light colours or muted two-tone colour palettes to create a sense of warmth.

Indoor outdoor connection

Green hedges and wall plants on balconies, terraces and patios, which connect architecture with the surrounding natural landscape and contribute to the overall charm of the exterior. Outdoor spaces feature expansive courtyards, terraces and patios, perfect for entertaining all year round.

Wellbeing

Spacious, harmonious interiors, connection to nature, spa-like bathrooms, fitness and recreation rooms, privacy and quiet, as well as abundant entertaining areas are hallmarks of the Modern Classic design.



Exterior Style

Recommended products



Axon™ Panel
Brushed Concrete



Axon™ Panel Smooth,
with a rendered finish



Axon™ Panel Smooth,
with a textured paint finish



Stria™ Cladding

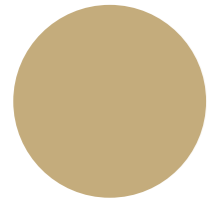
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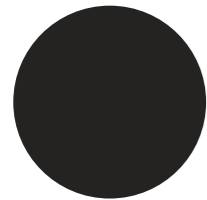
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Interior Style

Recommended products



Hardie™ Groove Lining



Axon™ Panel
Brushed Concrete

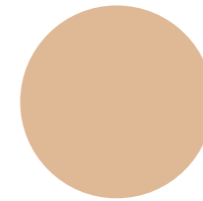
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Shelly Beach



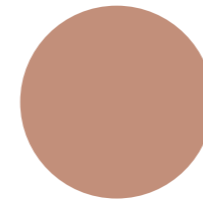
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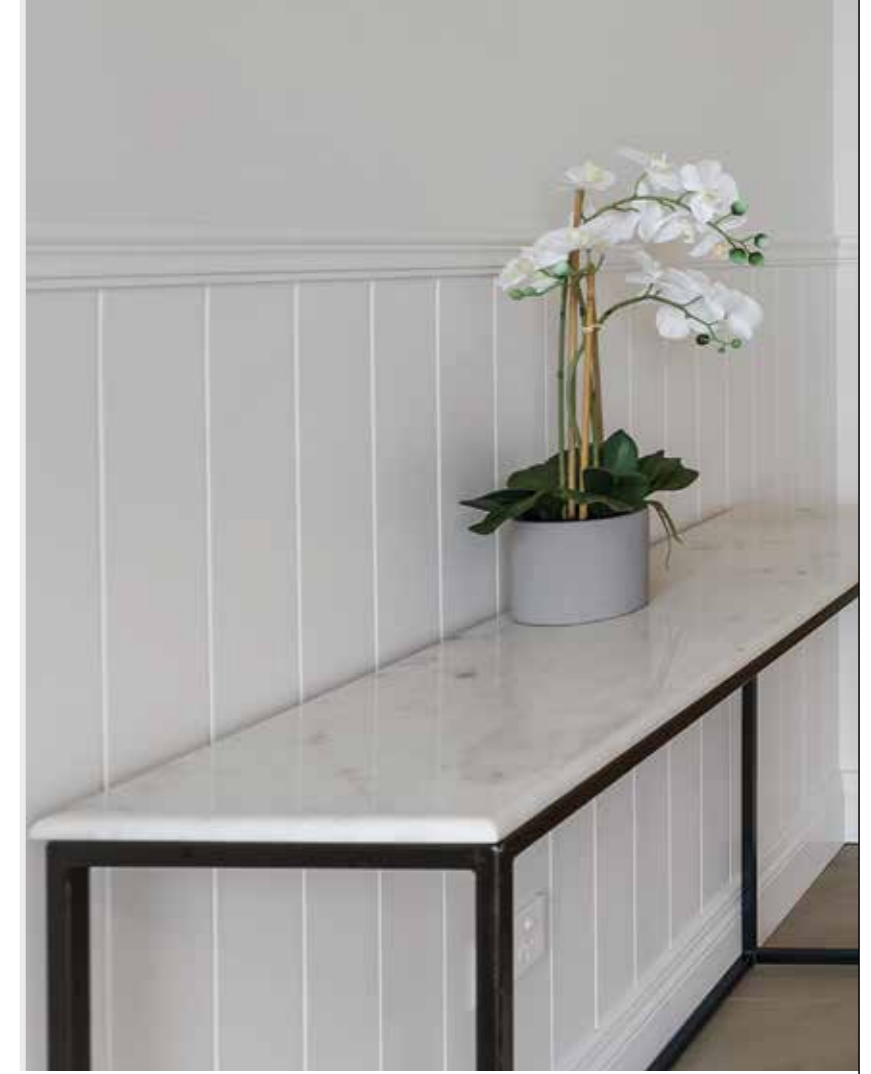
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Design trend characteristics



Modern Classic

Modern Classic

/ Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete

01

Doors

Strong visual elements such as carved doors, black steel and metalwork is used to achieve strong, clean lines. The sophisticated metallic black creates a blend of classic sophistication and modern charm.

02

Accents

Awnings and balconies add both practicality and aesthetic appeal providing shade, enhancing outdoor living spaces, and contributing to the overall charm of this style.

03

Landscaping

Classic evergreen hedges such as a formal boxed buxus hedge provide a lush continuous backdrop. Wall plants on balconies, terraces and patios soften the straight lines of the design and bring the outdoors in.

04

Hardscaping

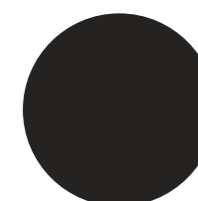
Outdoor living spaces feature expansive courtyards, terraces and patios allowing entertainment to travel beyond inside. A pale palette of soft whites complement the greenery of the garden and accents.

05

Colour



Dulux®
Okarito



Dulux®
Te Kuiti

Elegant.



Modern Classic

Whimsical.



Warm.



Modern Classic



/ Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete and Axon™ Panel Grooved 133mm



/ Axon™ Panel Smooth, with a rendered finish

/ Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete





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Product Appendix



Linea™ Weatherboard

From classic cottages to modern masterpieces.

Made to withstand our harsh and unpredictable climate, Linea™ Weatherboard is both tough and beautiful. The durability, low maintenance and design flexibility set this product apart from its weatherboard alternatives.

From villas to baches, New Zealander's love affair with weatherboard can be seen in many of our historic building designs. An obvious choice for restoring older buildings, the clean horizontal lines of Linea™ Weatherboard also work beautifully with the expansive surfaces and spaces of contemporary architecture.

Linea™ Weatherboard can be used to create colourful feature walls, full cladding for new builds and cladding for additions and renovations.

Your home can have the distinctive features and charm of weatherboard with all the benefits of Hardie™ fibre cement. The boards are pre-primed to hold paint longer and you can take your pick of exterior finishes, including modern dark paint colours. With minimal maintenance such as periodic wash downs, you can keep your home looking great for many years to come.

/ Linea™ Weatherboard 180mm



Profiles



150mm wide

Ideal for smaller homes, this width ensures you get the accentuated design shadows you're after within the space.

180mm wide

Larger walls suit the larger board size, giving you stylish, deep shadow lines and impressive external feature walls and contemporary scale walls.



Corner Options



Corner Soaker

Use a corner soaker to achieve a modern, angular, sleek corner to your design. Aluminium corner soakers come ready to paint or you can add further definition to your design with stainless steel and copper corner soakers. These can be left unpainted creating contrast against your cladding to create a truly unique look.

Slimline Box Corner

The slimline box corner is achieved using an aluminium box corner profile. The slimmer profile gives you the traditional box corner design with a modern twist. Ready for paint, match your cladding colour for a classic look or contrast colours for design impact.



Hardie™ Axent™ Trim

Hardie™ Axent™ Trim made from fibre cement, is an easy way to create the classic feature corners often seen on traditional New Zealand homes. The 19mm thickness of Hardie™ Axent™ Trim helps create the impression of solidness, and it's crisp, clean edges highlight frames and openings. With performance benefits that match your cladding, Hardie™ Axent™ Trim is resistant to fire, rot resistant, resistant to damage from moisture, and can be painted in a wide variety of colours.





Oblique™ Weatherboard

A modern classic.

Embrace design diversity with Oblique™ Weatherboard, choose to personalise your home using a blend of colours and lines. Find inspiration in the different elements Oblique™ Weatherboard brings to external walls for dynamic and unique building facades that really stand out.

Oblique™ Weatherboard comes in two widths and can be used in both horizontal and vertical applications enabling you to create a range of different looks and designs.

Oblique™ Weatherboard can be used to create colourful feature walls, full cladding for new builds, cladding for additions and renovations and internal feature walls. It is lightweight and durable, making it ideal for overhangs, protective cantilevers and other striking architectural features.

Oblique™ Weatherboard gives you classic and contemporary design solutions at your fingertips, all with the added benefits of Hardie™ fibre cement.

/ Oblique™ Weatherboard 200mm and 300mm



Profiles



200mm wide

This width captures that timeless, classic charm of the rusticated weatherboard look. It's also an ideal way to make smaller wall spaces look larger.

300mm wide

For a modern twist of a classic profile, use the 300mm wide weatherboard. Ideal for larger walls, it creates a look that's confident and contemporary.



Combination

Try combining the 200 and 300mm widths vertically to create an architectural look that's modern and unique.



Corner Options



Aluminium Trim

Use the aluminium trim to achieve a sleek modern corner. The trim comes ready to paint, allowing you to create an almost seamless finish to your final design.

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Stria™ Cladding

Ultra sleek and modern.

Stria™ Cladding is an option that plays with definitive lines and shadows to instantly transform home designs into an extension of your own personal style.

Find inspiration in the versatile elements Stria™ Cladding brings to external walls for dynamic and unique residential and commercial facades that really stand out. Stria™ Cladding has distinctive deep grooved lines and can be laid horizontally or vertically, introducing an interesting design feature to the walls of your home.

Imagine a house that's completely wrapped in Stria™ Cladding where every wall is different, where it's not just the wall style but the colour being changed, and you'll start to see the playful element it brings to your design.

It can be used to create colourful feature walls, full cladding for new builds, cladding for additions and renovations and internal feature walls. Stria™ Cladding is lightweight and durable, making it ideal for overhangs, protective cantilevers and other striking architectural features.

/ Stria™ Cladding 325mm



Profiles



325mm wide

The narrower lines of the 325mm profile establish a look of modern simplicity and are a great way to make smaller walls appear larger.

405mm wide

The modern architectural style of the 405mm panel brings a bold statement to any design. The perfect solution for large scale walls.



Combination

Stria™ Cladding is a panel with a shiplap joint and is available in two profiles. Try combining the 325 and 405mm widths vertically to create an architectural look that's modern and unique.



Corner Options



Aluminium Trim

Use the aluminium trim to achieve a sleek modern corner. The trim comes ready to paint, allowing you to create an almost seamless finish to your final design.

Aluminium Trim with a negative detail

Mimic the grooves of the Stria™ Cladding with a negative detail and create an architectural, modern, feature corner for a truly unique look.





Axon™ Panel

Modern panel collection with distinctive textures and grooves.

Creating a strong visual impact for your home is easier than ever with Axon™ Panel. Easy to install, robust and versatile, Axon™ Panel is a vertical shiplap panel available in five finishes. The textures and grooves complement classic and modern building designs to create stand out facades, and bring interest to outdoor rooms.

Use one finish to wrap an entire house or create a unique look by mixing grooves with texture or introducing Hardie™ Axent™ Trims for board and batten designs.

The new texture is inspired by the craftsmanship of brushed concrete and transforms with light and proximity. Axon™ Panel Brushed Concrete has the versatility to be used stand alone, or paired with other claddings from James Hardie's range.

Axon™ Panel products are durable, deemed non-combustible and can be painted a range of colours, including darker more contemporary shades.

Axon™ Panel can be used in residential or commercial applications wherever a modern design is required, including full cladding for new builds, and cladding for additions and renovations.

Designed to fit common wall frame sizes, Axon™ Panel also makes perfect sense as an aesthetic and water resistant alternative to plasterboard in internal spaces such as laundries, semi-wet areas in bathrooms and high traffic areas.

/ Axon™ Panel



GROOVED Profiles

TEXTURED Profiles



Grooved Grained 133mm

The grooved and grainy, wood-like texture contrasts well with a smooth flooring surface and can help bring a softer touch to your modern outdoor space.

Grooved 133mm

The 133mm spaced grooves combined with its smooth finish help create a clean and distinctive design look.



Grooved 400mm

Got a bigger area to clad? With its subtle joins, this larger format panel is perfect for larger walls and surfaces, creating an almost geometric feel to your exterior.



Brushed Concrete

With the embedded swept texture reminiscent of softly brushed concrete, these panels give your home a finish that's visually sophisticated, and dynamic to the touch.

Smooth

A panel with a shiplap vertical joint and a smooth clean finish. It can be finished with a site applied roll on textured acrylic paint for that rendered look, or you can paint it smooth. It also makes the perfect surface for board and batten applications when used in conjunction with Hardie™ Axent™ Trim.



Board and Batten

Bring depth to your walls with a vertical board and batten application. Axon™ Panel Smooth makes the perfect surface for Hardie™ Axent™ Trim.

Hardie™ Flex Eaves Lining



Protection from the great outdoors.

The smooth flat sheets of Hardie™ Flex Eaves Lining are the perfect width for eaves lining. The ideal way to keep it simple while making it look great!



Hardie™ Flex Eaves Lining

Villaboard™ Lining



Performance that lasts.

With seamless stopped joints and negative details, Villaboard™ Lining brings a smooth plastered look to your design.



Villaboard™ Lining



Hardie™ Groove Lining

Find your groove.

Hardie™ Groove Lining lets you add a unique tongue and groove look to your walls. Made of fibre cement board, it adds durability as well as timeless charm. It also retains its good looks year after year, even in the most demanding conditions such as semi-wet areas in laundries and bathrooms.

This grooved lining is also suitable to use as a ceiling lining or externally on eaves and soffits.

Hardie™ Groove Lining



Hardie™ Groove Lining



Build your Modern Life

Now you've had a good read through The Design Handbook, we hope you've found a look that you love! To find out more about the Hardie™ fibre cement products that have caught your eye, just head to our website, Instagram or Pinterest pages. You'll find more information and design inspiration to help you create your dream home.

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