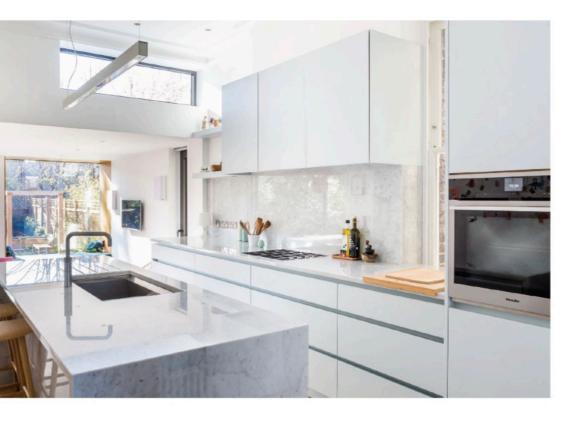
# Homebuilding Renovating Britain's No.1 FOR SELF-BUILDERS AND HOME EXTENDERS





# A rise in repairs

ew findings from the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) have shown a 12% increase in the amount of repair, maintenance and improvement building work being undertaken by homeowners across the UK. However, in its latest State of Trade Survey, the FMB revealed its members are struggling with recruiting experienced trades, with 41% finding it difficult to secure carpenters, 36% unable to find bricklayers and 31% struggling to hire general labourers to fulfil jobs.

# CURB APPEAL

The new Orobica exterior cladding collection from Ceramiche Refin is durable, fireproof and eco-friendly. The porcelain stoneware tiles come in two sizes and four matt finishes. Also ideal for indoor use, they're hypoallergenic, anti-bacterial and 100% recyclable. Prices start at around £99/m².





# BOOK OF

CREATIVE FAMILY HOME: **IMAGINATIVE AND** ORIGINAL SPACES FOR MODERN FAMILY LIVING Family homes need to be functional, but can they also be stylish? In Creative Family Home, Ashlyn Gibson explores 12 real properties that meet the needs of style-conscious parents, lively toddlers and everyone in between. Covering practical tips, decorative issues and clever storage suggestions, this book will show you how to create an imaginative home that works for the whole family. RRP £25.00

# BUILD EVENTS

### 2 SEPTEMBER

# DESIGNING YOUR SELF-BUILD HOME

Potton Self Build Show Centre, St Neots

This workshop takes you through developing a design, establishing a budget and knowing the constraints and opportunities for your plot.

# 22-24 SEPTEMBER

# LONDON HOMEBUILDING & RENOVATING SHOW

### ExCeL, London

Gain one-to-one advice for your self-build, extension or renovation from leading experts and browse the latest products and materials to elevate your scheme.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Wood, glass and steel are the three most Googled materials when it comes to interior home renovations\*

