

# Homebuilding & Renovating

BRITAIN'S NO.1 FOR SELF-BUILDERS AND HOME EXTENDERS

## Build your dream home

- Find your ideal plot
- Essential resources every self-builder needs
- How to build a home on time and to budget

**STEP-BY-STEP  
GUIDE TO  
EXTENDING  
YOUR HOME**

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**GOLDEN RULES  
FOR DESIGNING  
YOUR PERFECT  
HOME**

**EXPERT ADVICE**

- How to renovate a cottage
- Kitchen island design tips
- Build a new garage for less

# A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS

How to create a home that's cool in summer and warm in winter





## A rise in repairs

**N**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.

IMAGE: IDSYSYSTEMS / SIMON WHITEHEAD ARCHITECTS / BILLY BOLTON PHOTOGRAPHY

### 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/m<sup>2</sup>.



### BOOK OF THE MONTH

#### 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\*

\* ACCORDING TO RESEARCH FROM NEVILLE JOHNSON