

SELF BUILD + RENOVATION + CONVERSION + EXTENSION

# Build It

Plan,  
design &  
build your  
dream  
home

## ECO RENOVATION **SUCCESS**

Tips & Tricks from a Live  
Listed Building Project

BUILDING WITH TIMBER

**Structural Options,  
Windows, Cladding,  
Flooring & More**

**SAVE**  
£10,000s

**Creating a  
Wow-Factor  
Kitchen on  
a Budget**

**NEED TO  
KNOW**

**Project Management:  
Options & Costs**

**Frameless Glazing:  
Getting it Right**

**Expert Guide: Plot  
Finding Potholes**

*Stylish*

**Extension Ideas**

**Creative Ways to Add More Space,  
Value & Character to Your Home**

# INSPIRING REAL-LIFE HOMES

**Open-Plan  
Self Build**

**Listed Barn  
Conversion**

**Scandi-Style  
Eco Home**

**Modern Brick-  
Built Extension**



**Border Oak** ([www.borderoak.com](http://www.borderoak.com)) specialises in oak frame builds (find out more on page 81), and one of the big attractions is the wow-factor that comes from having the structural system on display. Here, the curved beams add character to the muted landing – which really lets the craftsmanship of the oak shine

Discover the multitude of ways that timber can be used in the home to create an eye-catching focal point that oozes luxury

# WOW FACTOR TIMBER FEATURES



Shutters are a great way to add privacy, shading and insulation to your space. These cafe-style versions from **California Shutters** ([www.californiashutters.co.uk](http://www.californiashutters.co.uk)) are made from a lightweight hardwood to ensure they're robust enough to withstand daily handling. Prices start from £168 per m<sup>2</sup>

A wooden worktop can add warmth to both modern and classic kitchens. **Optiplan**'s ([www.optiplan-kitchens.co.uk](http://www.optiplan-kitchens.co.uk)) Classic Newark kitchen features an attractive timber top, and is a contemporary take on the classic Shaker design





Combining natural oak, painted components and clear glass, this sleek flight by **Max-Stairs** ([www.max-stairs.co.uk](http://www.max-stairs.co.uk)) sets the tone for the rest of the modern abode – elegant but understated. The sculptural design has no visible supports – a testament to the expert engineering and craftsmanship of those involved



Add a touch of heritage appeal to your property with interior cladding, like these full-size Georgian panels. **The English Panelling Company** ([www.theenglishpanellingcompany.co.uk](http://www.theenglishpanellingcompany.co.uk)) offers a range of styles and sizes to suit the look you're after, with prices for these wide panels starting from £22. They're made from moisture-resistant MDF, so ideal for bathrooms and other moist zones

Bespoke internal joinery can help make the most of your space – from hidden storage to a cosy home office, like this from **Neville Johnson** ([www.nevillejohnson.co.uk](http://www.nevillejohnson.co.uk)). The shelving carefully zones off the office space so it's not too prominent in the main living area. Instead, the full-height storage and ladder draw the eye and is a breathtaking feature



Wood is often used for constructing kitchen cabinets, but this kitchen by **Ledbury Studio** ([www.ledburystudio.com](http://www.ledburystudio.com)) has something extra. The team took particular care to select oak all from the same batch. The result is that the grain matches perfectly, running across the width of all the drawers – a stunning detail