

Architecture update

Original projects to inspire your own self-build or renovation

Materials mix

Built for a family of five, Affrusk Cottage, just outside the town of Banchory, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, pays tribute to the style of nearby agricultural buildings. Arranged across one and two storeys, the house features slate and zinc roofs, along with granite, timber and zinc cladding and white render, while inside the vaulted interior includes barn-style doors. Designed by Fiddes Architects, the four-bedroom, 245sqm house has a car port between the living areas on one side and a Siberian larch-clad craft room on the other. It cost £1,840 per sqm. (fiddesarchitects.com)



Light house family

Wanting to brighten their detached seven-bedroom Edwardian house in a south London conservation area, one family opted for a facelift rather than a rebuild. Keeping to the footprint of the 72sqm kitchen extension overlooking the garden, architect Steve Cox sliced off its rear façade, replacing it with sliding glass doors. Restructuring and reinsulating the roof provides a vaulted ceiling with skylights, plus the electrics, lighting, plumbing and flooring were upgraded and brick planters built to frame the garden deck. The scheme cost £175,000. (coxarchitects.co.uk) »

