



05 Barn

Design Handbook 2024

Barn homes boast vaulted ceilings, open plan living spaces and bold street presence. A steeply pitched gable roof is a must.

As part of our Design Handbook series for 2024, we've collaborated with seasoned home renovators Rhys and Kirsten Stanley, to show you how to create the Barn look, inside and out.



In our Barn Handbook, expert Barn-style renovators Rhys and Kirsten Stanley share their expertise and experience in bringing the Barn style to life. Barn homes draw inspiration from the Danish philosophy of 'hygge', which embodies the value of creating beautiful environments that promote feelings of contentment and wellbeing with welcoming fireplaces, soft lighting and serenity.

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Simple, versatile & inviting.

The Barn style takes its inspiration from Nordic minimalism, boasting warmth, craftsmanship of materials and an affinity with nature.



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Characterised by simplicity and rustic charm, the design elements of the Barn style underscore the strong relationship between the structure and its surrounds. The design style is inspired by Nordic minimalism and a belief that wellness is the foundation for good design and should be accessible to all.

Barn is best summarised as a simple and contemporary take on traditional forms. Architecturally, the Barn takes the design structure of the classic barn and adopts other design concepts to maximise natural light and a pared-back palette that complements their interiors. The timeless design aesthetic allows for versatility and inspires a sense of calm and wellbeing.

Though there can be some fluidity in forms, Barn style is generally separated into distinct design aesthetics, whether it's classic, vintage, rustic or traditional. The Barn silhouette is consistent as a simple diagrammatic form adopting clean lines and elevated craftsmanship without sacrificing modern convenience. Interior spaces are airy and uncluttered with natural-textured furnishings and internal barn doors.

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- 1 The wide grooves and design flexibility of Hardie Oblique™ Cladding™ board widths delivers drama and visual interest to Barn facades. Vertical joint cladding can handle dark colours and provides an artisan look.
- 2 It is not uncommon to have just one peak on the steeply-pitched Barn roof. The vertical joint Oblique™ Cladding™ is complemented by the exterior window treatment.
- 3 Large windows accentuate the length of the house and large sliding doors to connect with nature.

Design features

1 Steeply pitched roof

A symmetrical gable roof should be elevated and high set with a pitch of 35 to 45 degrees. There should also be either a complete absence of eaves or over-sized eaves. It is not uncommon to have just one peak, with a maximum of two rooflines.

2 Detailed exterior

Vertical or horizontal exterior detail is a must for a feel of craftsmanship. Vertical joint cladding can handle dark colours and provides an artisan look.

3 Barn shape

Homes should be designed to make the barn shape appear distinctive from other parts of the house. The result should be a simple diagrammatic form created by the barn eaves.

4 Large windows

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

5 Interiors

Airy and uncluttered with natural-textured furnishings and internal barn doors.



Linea™ Weatherboard's sleek, horizontal lines highlight the wide, open walls characteristic of barn-style architecture.



Barn style houses typically have a complete absence of eaves and a range of oversized floor-to-ceiling windows, adopting clean lines and elevated craftsmanship.

Interior spaces are airy and uncluttered, maximise natural light and adopt a design style inspired by Nordic minimalism.

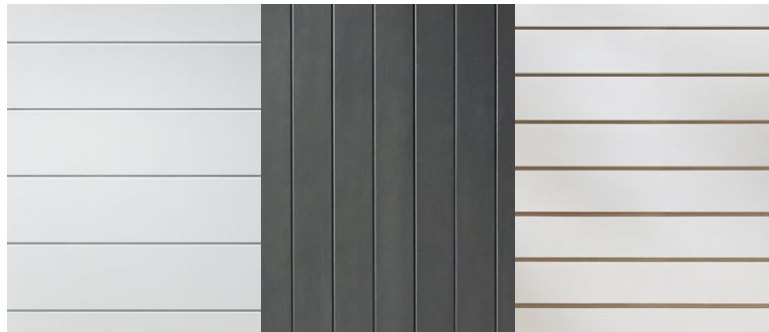


Cladding solutions

Hardie™ exterior cladding is perfectly suited to the modern architectural lines of the Barn home. Cladding combinations work to underscore the strong relationship between the structure and its surrounds, ensuring eye-catching effect and street appeal.

Hardie™ Oblique™ Cladding

The wide grooves and design flexibility of board widths delivers drama and visual interest to Barn facades.



Stria™ Cladding

The distinctive deep grooved lines can be laid horizontally or vertically for an eye-catching effect to complement strong barn shapes.

Axon™ Cladding

The clean vertical lines offer the fine detail of a vertical joint timber, providing an artisanal look and feel.

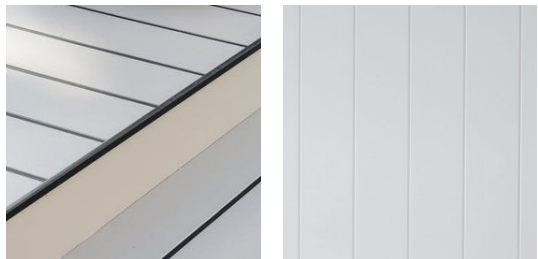
Linea™ Weatherboard

The clean horizontal lines enhance the expansive external walls of Barn-style architecture.

Hardie™ Oblique™ Cladding



Complementary Products



Hardie™ Deck

Hardie™ Groove Lining

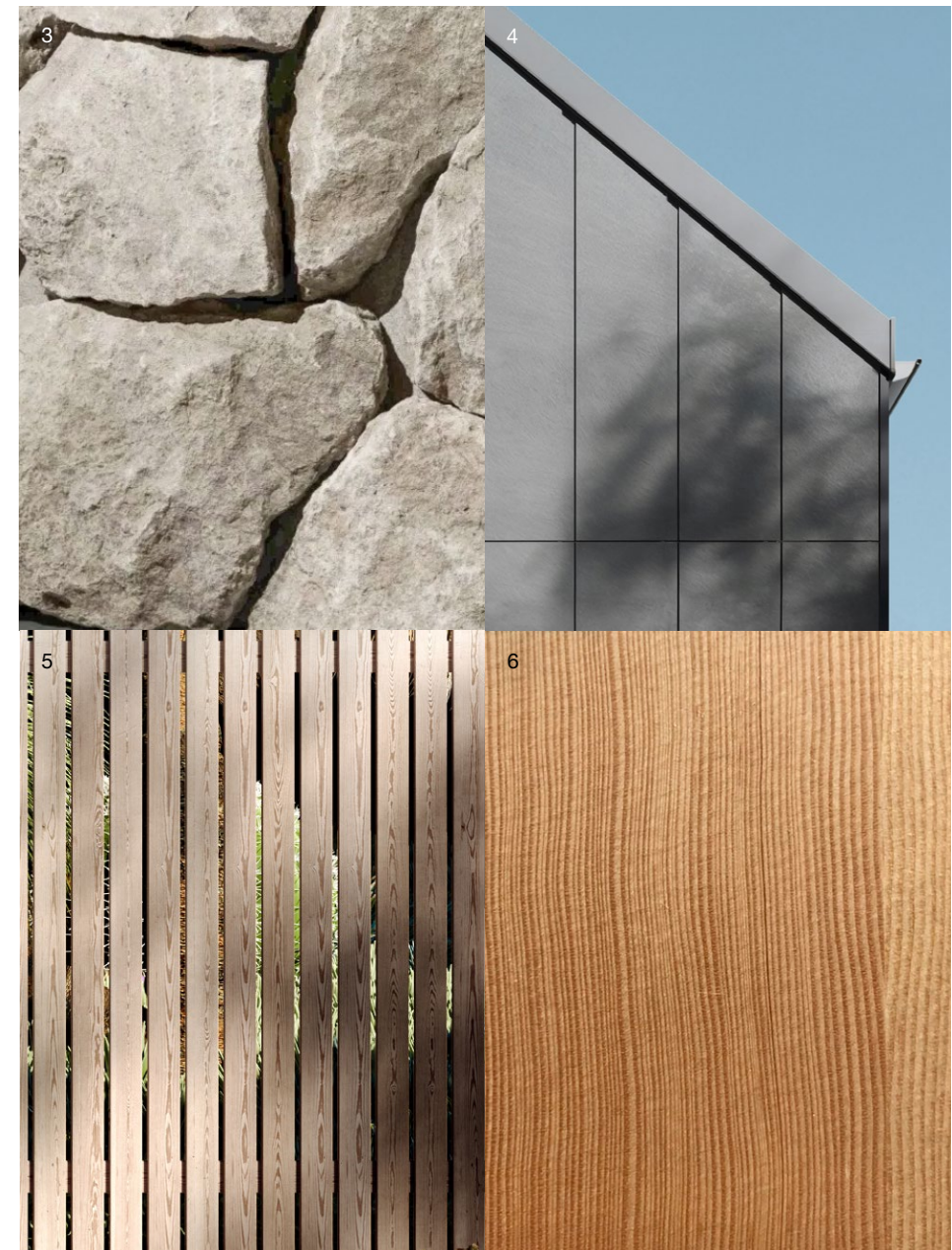
Materials & textures

‘The Barn home celebrates airy, uncluttered interiors, with an emphasis on natural-textured furnishings that promote feelings of wellbeing.’

– Rhys and Kirsten, seasoned home renovators



- 1 Natural-look materials and textures bring an easy-going and sophisticated aesthetic to the Barn interior.
- 2 Textured walls add a further layer of depth to the natural palette.



- 3 Stone cladding adds a layer of texture to Barn exteriors and interiors.
- 4 The sleek lines of the steeply pitched gabled roof are emphasised by dramatic dark tones.
- 5 Wooden fence slats add a minimalist Nordic element to gates and fences.
- 6 The perfectly imperfect natural lines of blonde timber beams promote serenity and connection to nature.
- 7 The crisp yet soft feel of natural linens works in Barn furnishings from bedding to window treatments.
- 8 A chunky, tactile wool and jute rug is designed for deep comfort and relaxation.



Colour palette

Colours in the Barn home combine warm and cool tones inspired by natural materials.

Colours are typically neutral and within the same tonal scheme to add warmth to the simple interior and exterior forms. However, there is room for contrast, particularly on the exterior, to emphasise the strong relationship between the Barn structure and its surrounds.

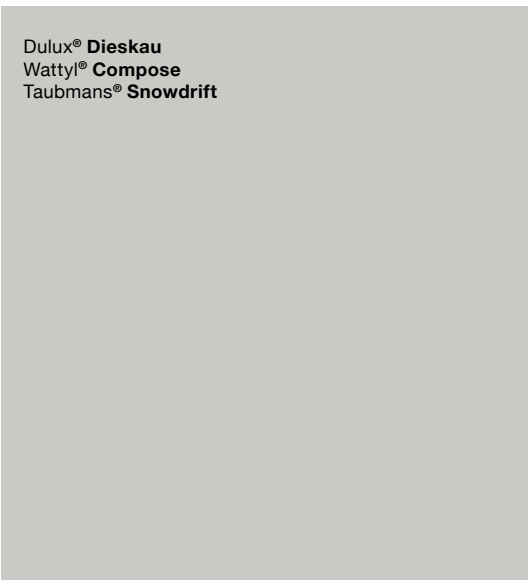


The elegant and refined colour palette extends from light beiges through to charcoal blacks.

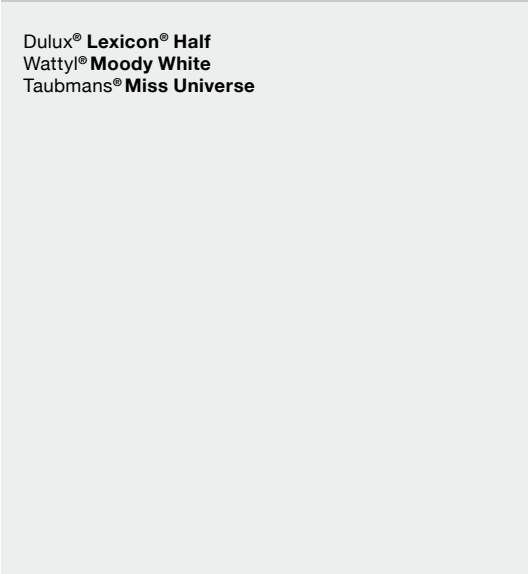
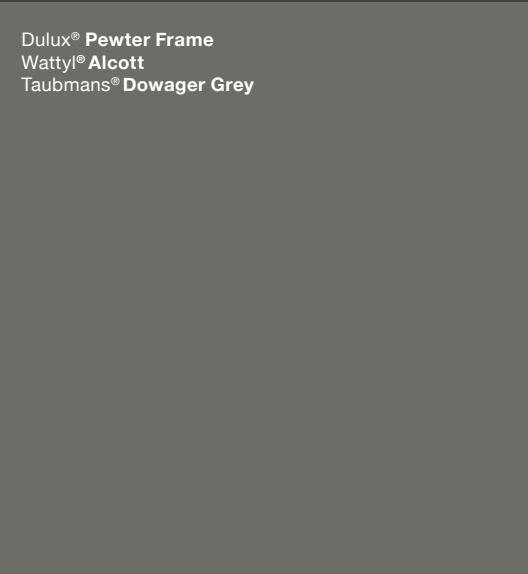
Scheme One

Scheme Two

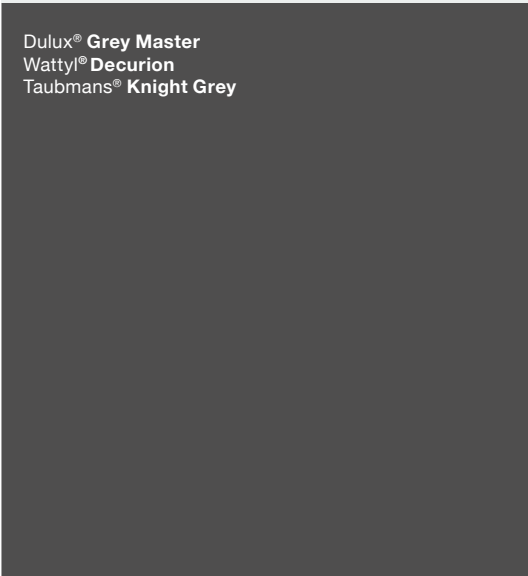
Use on the fascia



Use on the main walls



Use on the trims / details / features



Complete the look

Exterior

Interior

Barn style has four distinct aesthetics - classic, vintage, rustic and traditional, with enormous scope for design choices that celebrate warmth and craftsmanship.



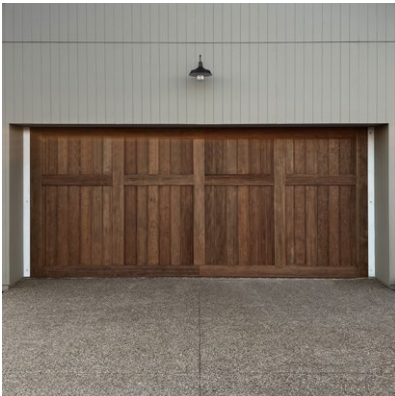
RMS Traders, Luna Tavertine — a natural stone to bring a rich and tactile texture to walls, adding depth and visual interest.



The Plants Project, Hana Pot — delicate, white, sand-like speckles on a grey rough finish polystone pot.



AUS Window Shrouds, Steel Window Shroud — a stylish, functional and modern window shroud for your home.



Simply Oregon, Timber Garage Door — featuring a classic design with vertical panelling, perfect for enhancing the barn look of your home.



Flowerpower, Olive Manzanillo — This tree is the most popular variety for Australian gardens.



Astrawalker, Icon + Lever Knurled — a sleek design featuring a distinctive knurled handle for a sophisticated look.



Simply Oregon, Timber Beams — transform your living space by incorporating timber beams for an authentic barn-inspired ambiance.



Ideal Barn Doors, Top Mount No Joint Sliding Barn Door Hardware — classic, black barn door hardware that is simple, elegant and built to last.



Provincial Home Living, Sorrento 3 Seat Sofa — a casual sofa with two oversized seat cushions and five matching



Natural Floors, Aspen wool & jute blend — the wool is super soft and the smaller knot size means the design and feel is more compact, so it can withstand higher foot traffic.



Lighterior, Cone Wall Light — a classic yet minimalist design suitable to complete any barn interior.



Variations of Barn

1 Scandi Barn

The Scandi Barn combines minimalist philosophy with simplicity. It creates a strong relationship between the design elements and nature, reflected in the flow that allows easy living in an open airy setting.



2 Coastal Barn

The silhouette is reminiscent of a traditional barn, with a gabled roof and timber-look cladding. However, white and light colours, weatherboard cladding and more luxurious interiors give the coastal barn a contemporary twist.

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