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PRODUCTS

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1 Warm walls, quieter rooms

Feature walls look great, but they're even better when they serve a purpose. WoodUpp's Akupanel range combines slats with an acoustic felt backing made from 50 per cent recycled PET plastic, putting waste plastic to good use while helping absorb sound. The panels are quick to install on walls or ceilings, making them ideal for open-plan homes where echo can be a problem. The modular system can be customised with clip-on shelves, hooks, plant pots and integrated LED strip lighting that fits between the slats. Available in a range of finishes including FSC-certified timber veneer, the panels offer a practical way to improve acoustics.

woodupp.com.au



2 Blown-in comfort

Insulation is one of the simplest ways to make a home more comfortable and energy-efficient, but existing walls can be hard to retrofit with batts. Knauf's blown-in insulation range includes Supafil CarbonPlus suitable for double-brick wall cavities as well as products for framed walls and ceilings. The insulation is blown into gaps and hard-to-reach spaces to reduce heat transfer and improve acoustics. Made with up to 80 per cent recycled glass (around 45 recycled bottles in every bag), it contains no added formaldehyde or other harmful chemicals. Contact Knauf for an accredited installer.

knauf.com.au

3 Invisible gold

Some of the best products in a high-performing home are hidden behind the plasterboard. Pro Clima's Intello internal 'intelligent air barrier' (IAB) and Solitex Extasana 'weather resistive barrier' (WRB) work together to create an airtight, weather-resistant building envelope. Intello limits draughts while helping stop moist indoor air from entering the wall where it can cause condensation. On the outside, Solitex Extasana protects against wind and rain while allowing water vapour to escape, helping the wall to dry if moisture gets in.

Combined with insulation, they help reduce heating and cooling energy needs while lowering the risk of condensation and mould for a healthier home.

proclima.com.au





4 Natural finish

Cabinetry doesn't have to be finished in laminate or paint. Forbo's Furniture Linoleum is made from natural materials including linseed oil, wood flour and limestone with a jute backing. Supplied in flexible rolls, it can be bonded to cabinetry, furniture, doors and even curved joinery to create a slightly soft surface that's resistant to fingerprints and easy to clean. Made with 94 per cent natural materials and 79 per cent renewable content, its plant-based ingredients store carbon as they grow, helping reduce the material's overall carbon footprint. Available in a wide range of colours, it has a durable finish designed for decades of use.

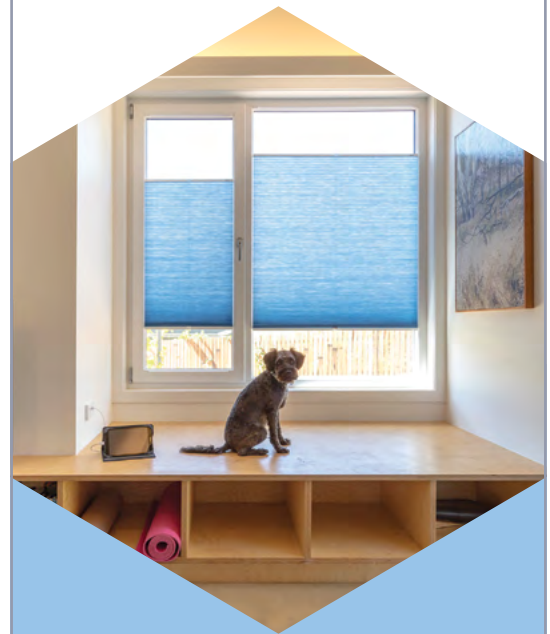
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5 Bottles to curtains

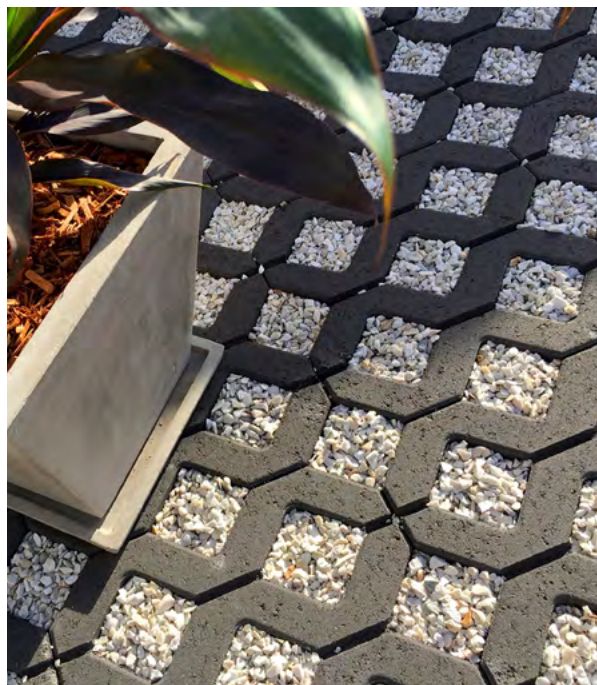
Windows are one of the biggest sources of unwanted heat transfer in a home, and well-fitted curtains can make a real difference. The Deserts and Forests collection from dollar curtains + blinds uses fabrics made from 100 per cent recycled polyester, with each metre containing the equivalent of 57 recycled plastic bottles, keeping plastic out of landfill. Available in sheer and blackout options, the blackout curtains perform best when fitted close to the window with a pelmet or ceiling-mounted track to help reduce air circulation. The curtains are custom made in Australia. Contact dollar curtains + blinds for a quote.

dollarcurtainsandblinds.com.au

6 Drive up

Hard surfaces can send rainwater straight into the stormwater system rather than keeping it within your garden or local landscape. National Masonry's Gridpave and Grasspave pavers use an open-cell design that can be filled with gravel or planted with grass, allowing water to soak into the soil instead. This helps keep moisture in the ground and filters pollutants before they reach creeks and rivers. The result is a greener driveway that's still strong enough to park on.

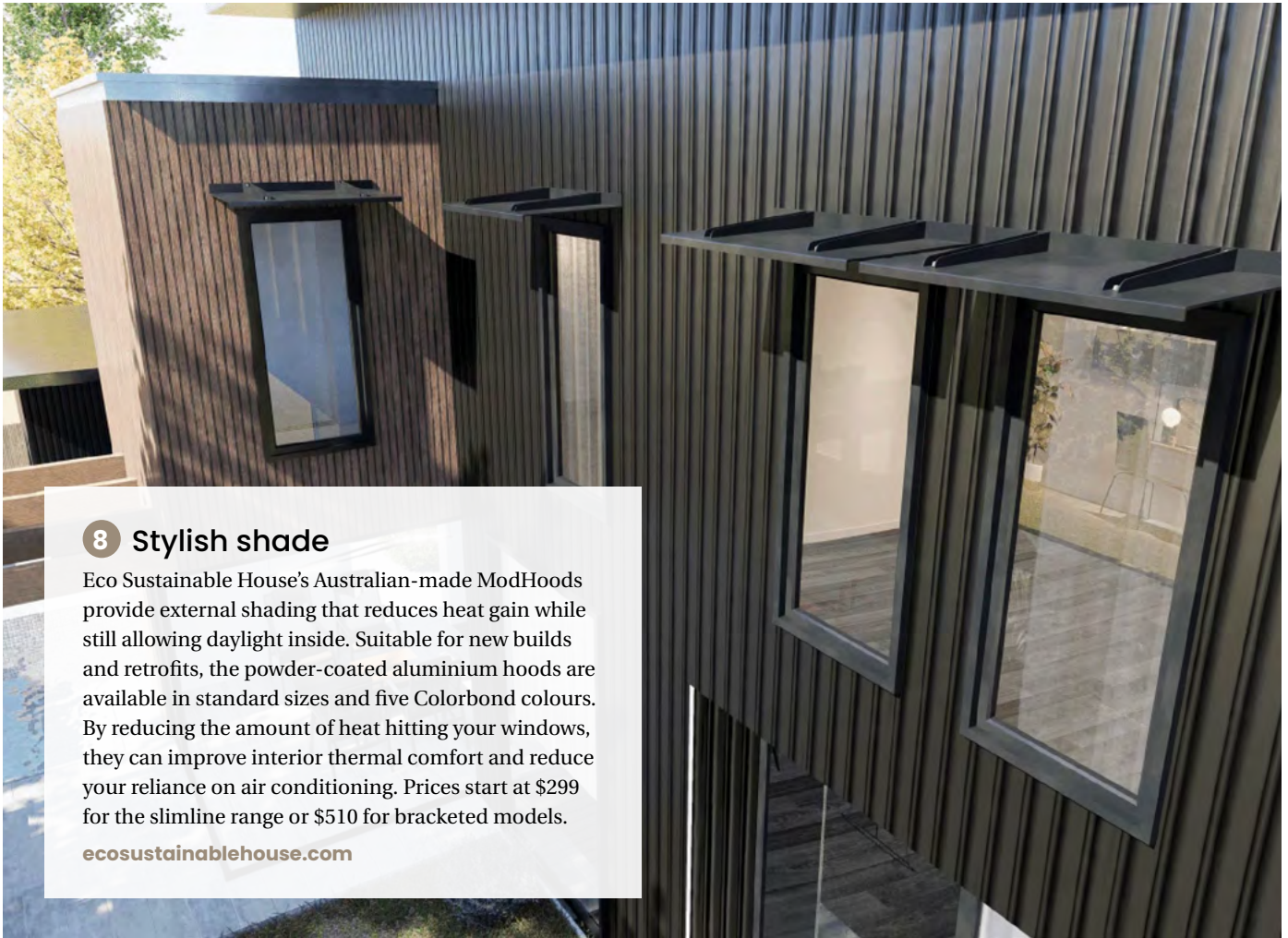
nationalmasonry.com.au



7 Making every drop count

Collecting rainwater is great, but using it efficiently can really help save mains water. The Rain2Home system combines a rainwater pump with an automatic changeover device, supplying rainwater to toilets, washing machines and garden taps whenever it's available. If the tank runs low or the power switches off, the system switches to mains water so there's no interruption to supply. Contact SFA Pumps and authorised plumbing suppliers for a quote.

sfapumps.com.au



8 Stylish shade

Eco Sustainable House's Australian-made ModHoods provide external shading that reduces heat gain while still allowing daylight inside. Suitable for new builds and retrofits, the powder-coated aluminium hoods are available in standard sizes and five Colorbond colours. By reducing the amount of heat hitting your windows, they can improve interior thermal comfort and reduce your reliance on air conditioning. Prices start at \$299 for the slimline range or \$510 for bracketed models.

ecosustainablehouse.com



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