

PRODUCTS

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1 Painted protection

Developed by the University of New South Wales, FSA Firecoat is a high-performance fire-retardant paint that helps protect homes in bushfire-prone areas. Applied as an undercoat, it forms an insulating char layer when exposed to heat, slowing flames and reducing toxic smoke. After a fire, the carbon layer can be scraped off, leaving a clean surface for repainting. Water-based and low in VOCs, it's safe for indoor use and suitable for brick, timber, aluminium, steel, concrete and plasterboard. Firecoat comes in grey and white for use under any topcoat colour. Available from Bunnings and Fire Defender, the paint starts at \$135 for four litres.

firecoat.au



2 Hemp power

The applications of hemp fibre in construction are expanding. Made from the strong, renewable material, Hexcore's HexBoard is a lightweight yet durable option for wall linings and ceilings. The panels provide some thermal and acoustic insulation for energy efficiency and indoor comfort. They are easy to transport, handle and install, are moisture-resistant for both indoor and outdoor use, and are fully biodegradable at end of life. A smart alternative to timber, HexBoard can even be used to make furniture.

hexcore.com.au





3 Safety first

Regular maintenance keeps homes weatherproof and performing well, and Miniskaff makes the jobs safer and easier. This portable mini scaffolding unit provides a stable working platform, reducing fall risks when tackling tasks like attaching shade sails or sealing high windows. Compact and easy to store, Miniskaff is made in Adelaide from durable and lightweight tubular steel that can handle years of DIY projects.

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4 Polishing up nicely

Ventura Polished Overlay offers the sleek appeal of polished concrete without thick slabs or the high embodied energy of traditional pours. Made with 80 per cent recycled materials and fine aggregates, it creates a seamless, hard-wearing surface over existing floors. Choose from the Colours of Australia range, inspired by Australia's geology, or customise your own mix of colours and aggregate sizes. Designed to last and plastic-free, Ventura resists cracking and wear, providing a durable, low-impact alternative to conventional concrete.

concrete-collaborative.com.au

5 Great glazing

Tilt-and-turn windows are beloved by many for their superior sealing, and ability to tilt for ventilation while still providing security. Ultimate Windows' tilt-and-turn windows feature durable, low-maintenance uPVC frames and achieve an insulative U-value as low as 1.7 for double glazing and even lower for triple glazing, helping to reduce your home's energy demand for heating and cooling. uPVC resists warping, draughts and condensation and offers good durability and weather resistance. Other uPVC-framed styles from Ultimate Windows include tilt-and-slide, tilt-in and sliding windows. Check out the full range online.

ultimatewindows.com.au



6 Built to weather any storm

Many umbrellas don't last beyond the first strong gust, but Blunt umbrellas are specially built for tough conditions. Engineered with a unique radial tension system, they won't flip inside out or break under pressure, offering a durable alternative to more disposable umbrellas. The UV collection provides the extra protection of a UPF 50+ rating, making them just as useful on sunny days. The modular design allows for easy repairs, extending your umbrella's lifespan and reducing waste. Available in sizes up to 138cm wide, with UV umbrella prices starting at \$139.

bluntumbrella.com.au



7 Takeaway made stylish

Single-use takeaway containers are out, and durable alternatives like Frank Green's porcelain bowl are in. This compact, double-walled bowl keeps food warm and fresh, reducing reliance on disposable packaging. The inner porcelain lining ensures food stays free from metallic taint, while the tough outer shell is made from recyclable materials. With a leak-resistant glass lid and a silicone seal, it's perfect for meals on the go. It's lightweight, dishwasher-safe and designed for repeated use, cutting down on waste while making takeaway more sustainable. Prices start at \$39.95.

frankgreen.com.au

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