

Get the look: The Perfect Family Home

James Hillenaar of award-winning builders Hilstin, has built his family home located in Melbourne's East Brighton. It has been created as a family home, designed as the perfect place for James and his wife Lisa to raise their children, Jake, 9 and Paige, 7.

James and Lisa had owned the land for about four years, originally planning to develop the large (940sqm) site for townhouses. However, as their family grew the couple decided that it would be the perfect place for a family home, especially as it was located just a block away from the kids' school.

The large 940sqm site meant they could ensure that the kids got a large backyard to play in – something that was on the family wishlist. However, creating the family house involved some compromises between the couple.

Lisa's dream home was a single storey building, says James, while he wanted a large garage - for his tools and work vehicle. The final design managed to make everyone happy, plus James says he cheated slightly by including a high-pitched roof, which managed to squeeze in some extra space above the ground level.

He chose Monier's Madison Concrete Tiles, because he was looking for a slate-look roof, but without the accompanying price tag. Madison's signature crevice down the centre of the tiles appealed to him and he says he likes the way they are offset against each other when laid.

"We didn't want to go overboard with the price on the tile so that's why we chose the Madison rather than slate," he says. "People interested in houses and building look at it and say, 'Oh you've got a slate roof?' and I'm like, 'No, that's a concrete tile'."

He chose Hartland bricks from PGH Bricks, because they wanted a lighter colour brick and felt that brick was both affordable and suited the look that they wanted. It was a big decision - the house has more than 20,000 bricks - so on the advice of PGH Bricks, James and Lisa drove around to see various bricks on new builds around Victoria to be sure they chose the right one for the project.

"You can see a brick laid into a square in a showroom but it's nothing like seeing it on a house," he says.

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THE MONIER LOOK **Building the dream**

1 Plenty of storage

James designed the pitch of the roof to provide extra storage for the needs of their growing family.

2 Outdoor living areas

The house has a pool and outdoor entertainment area, making it a great spot for kids, with space for adults too.

3 Stone feature

White Oak Country Ledgestone from Cultured Stone, supplied by PGH Bricks & Pavers.

4 PGH Bricks

As a builder, James is a big fan of bricks – and their solidness. He chose the Hartlands bricks from PGH Bricks.

5 Slate-look tiles

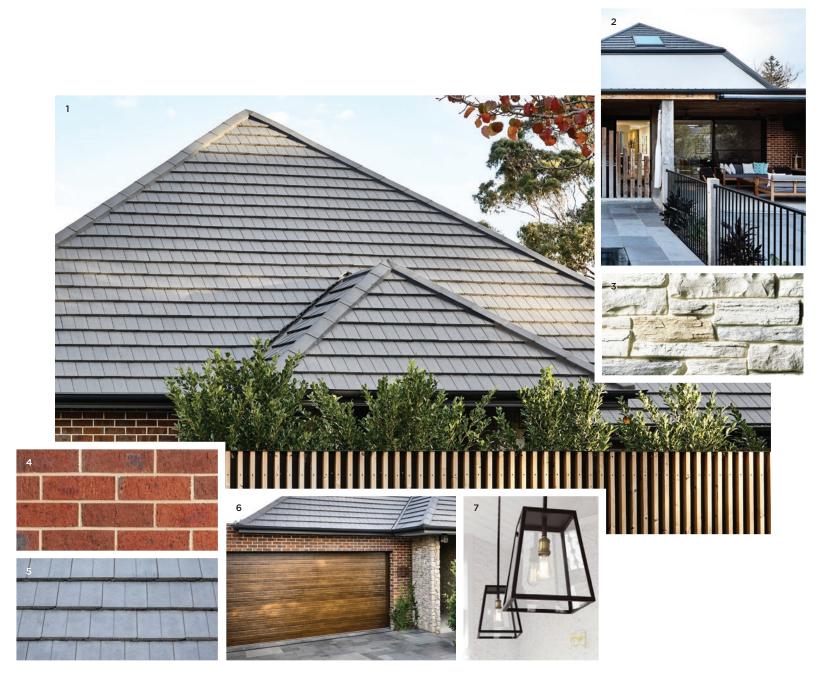
Save on costs by choosing quality materials without the hefty price tags, such as the Madison Concrete tiles, which look like slate, but at a more economical price.

6 A generous-sized garage

A tradie, James has a decent-sized vehicle and wanted enough space for both the truck and the tools. Garage door available from Eco Garage Doors ecogaragedoors.com.au

7 Lighting

Light fixture from Southhampton 1 Range, available from Beacon Lighting.



Select your tile

Don't shy away from mixing red brick with crisp whites and slate style roof, which can create a modern industrial look.

PRODUCT TIP

Good

CONCRETE MADISON

A C-LOC™ Colour Lock Technology

This tile is sophisticated and features a centre shadow line that imitates a traditional shingle roof. This creates a minimalist, stylish and exclusive look. Comes standard with C-LOC™ Colour Lock Technology, so your roof looks better for longer.



Soho Night

Finish Matte

Roof Pitch Minimum 15°, must use sarking under 20°

Ridging A-line

Better

TERRACOTTA NULLARBOR

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Roof Pitch Minimum 25°

Finish Matte

must use sarking

Ridging A-line



Bedrock

Best

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A contemporary, innovative and lightweight roofing product range which is designed to withstand ALL the elements. Tested by CSIRO to Australian Building Standards (AS4046), this range is UV-resistant, won't rust in coastal environments. will not fade as fast in the sun and will not dent as easily in a hailstorm.

Finish Exfoliated stone finish

Roof Pitch Minimum 10°, must use sarking under 20°

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