



THE CASE STUDY

PROJECT DETAILS

Location

Redcliffs, Christchurch

Project Type

Residential family home (359m²)

Designer/Builder

Benchmark Homes

FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Linea™ Weatherboard 150mm
- Hardie™ Groove Lining

A contemporary take on classic farmhouse style, this Redcliffs home combines traditional profiles with contemporary finishes to create a forever home for a growing family.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

For Samuel and Georgia Evans, building their fourth home was different from the previous three. This 359m² residence near the sea in Redcliffs wasn't about pushing design trends – it was about creating a timeless family sanctuary that would grow with them and their young children.

"This could be our forever home, so timelessness was a big focus," explains Samuel. "We didn't want anything too trendy that might date quickly. The goal was a modern take on a classic farmhouse or traditional Kiwi home, something that

feels grounded and familiar, but still fresh and up to date."

The home features four bedrooms, an open-plan living area, a separate media room and additional storage, including a large loft office and art space above the garage. The main bedroom upstairs captures ocean views, creating a peaceful retreat. The 359m² layout was deliberately designed to flow seamlessly, with dual outdoor access from the main living area creating indoor-outdoor connection while maximising natural light throughout the day.

A key design strategy was authenticity without compromise. Rather than superficial nods to traditional architecture, Samuel and Georgia sought materials that genuinely reflected classic New Zealand character while delivering advanced durability and ease of care – essential for busy family life.

"We used Linea™ Weatherboard for the entire exterior of the home," says Samuel. "We chose the 150mm profile, which is traditionally used on smaller, character homes. While the 180mm profile offers a



HARDIE™ GROOVE LINING

A versatile interior lining that adds textured character to feature walls, ceilings and architectural details. Hard-wearing and easy to maintain, it's ideal for high-use areas that experience the wear and tear of family life.



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LINEA™ WEATHERBOARD 150mm

Authentic weatherboard profile that references traditional New Zealand architecture while delivering contemporary durability and low maintenance.

slightly more modern aesthetic, we opted for the 150mm to give the home a subtle nod to traditional New Zealand architecture."

Painted in Dulux® Appliance White, the weatherboard exterior creates a crisp, timeless appearance that complements the site's coastal setting and the home's farmhouse-inspired aesthetic.

For the interior, Hardie™ Groove Lining became the key element for adding warmth and texture throughout. Rather than using it as a single feature, Samuel and Georgia integrated it thoughtfully across multiple spaces: as kitchen and pantry splashbacks, creating visual interest in the entry and laundry, and as a focal point in the main bedroom and bathroom. Painted in Resene® Quarter Rice Cake, the grooved profile brings subtle depth and character to each space.

"We love the way these products bring subtle detail and warmth while still being incredibly hard-wearing and easy to care for," Samuel notes. "That's perfect for busy family life."

When asked what makes this their forever home, Samuel emphasises that it's not any single standout feature. "From the layout to the finishes, it all works together to create a home that feels cohesive, calm and just right for our family."

The carefully selected James Hardie products contribute to this sense of wholeness, providing authentic character through traditional profiles while delivering the durability and low-maintenance performance that today's families need.