



THE  
**Taupo**  
 CASE STUDY

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Planning your dream home may seem like a daunting undertaking, but Kiwi couple Phil and Leonie describe it as a really exciting and enjoyable process.

Having decided to build their family home on a section they bought above Lake Taupo, they began looking around the area to see what new homes caught their eye.

‘Leonie really liked the classic look of weatherboard. I liked the homes that had a modern and contemporary

look. So we asked our designer how we could bring those two styles together.’

Their designer recommended a combination of Linea Weatherboard and Stria Cladding. The narrow straight lines of Linea Weatherboard and wider horizontal lines of Stria Cladding created contrast and interest, as part of a design that was classic enough for Leonie while still looking contemporary enough for Phil.

Before committing to the design, they discussed the plans with an experienced builder who was also a good friend. He gave their choice of James Hardie cladding his seal of approval. Not only was it easy to work with, it was also tough and durable, making it ideal for the cold winters and hot summers of the local area. It was also surprisingly affordable, when compared to other cladding options.

“As well as fitting the natural contours of the land, it also fitted our budget. It went up faster than we had ever imagined, saving us time and cost on the build.”

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**Location**  
 Taupo

**Project Type**  
 Residential new build

**Architectural Designer**  
 Design Builders

**FEATURED PRODUCTS**

- Stria Cladding
- Linea Weatherboard



## LINEA™ WEATHERBOARD

The clean horizontal lines of Linea weatherboard work beautifully with the expansive surfaces and spaces of contemporary architecture or provide you with the traditional deep shadow lines of classically styled homes.



## STRIA™ CLADDING

The wider format of Stria Cladding along with the deep grooved lines deliver a look that's distinctive and modern. It can be laid horizontally or vertically, introducing an interesting feature to the walls of any design.

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Another advantage of the James Hardie cladding was that it could be painted any colour, including the darker shades that Phil and Leonie preferred. So they were able to put their own personal touch on their home with a paint combination that captured the contrast, and reflected their own tastes and style.

Having now been in their dream home for a couple of seasons, Phil and Leonie couldn't be happier with how it's looking and performing.

"We haven't had to do anything to it other than give it a quick hose down. Stones from the mower just bounce off without it even marking. It still looks just like new, and we love it."