

# NEW-BUILD WORKSHEET

## BUDGET

### How did you keep track of costs during the build?

Communication is the key factor in managing budget – Design Builders were great at always updating us and covering everything in fine detail.

**How did your budget forecast compare to your actual spend?** We were only about 1% over budget, which was fantastic, as I believe the average overspend is 23%.

**Are there any areas of your home you decided to save on and splurge on, respectively?** The whole house is a splurge!

**Do you tend to buy high-end homeware or seek out a bargain?** Bit of both – we had some pieces made specifically for the home but I hunted out the best deals when I could.

## HONESTY BOX

**What are the best lessons you've learned along the way?** Budget better!

**What would you never do again?** Would do it all again.

**Did you have any building setbacks or disasters you can share?** No disasters – it all comes back to trusting your builders.

**What's the one thing you would change about your home if you could?** Add an outdoor fireplace.

**What's the most memorable experience you've had in your home?** Waking up each day with our view in this home is incredible.

## CONTACTS

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## SUPPLIERS

**Early Settler**, [earlysettler.co.nz](http://earlysettler.co.nz)  
**CoverUp Taupo**, [coveruptaupo.co.nz](http://coveruptaupo.co.nz)  
**Wallace Cotton**, [wallacecotton.com](http://wallacecotton.com)  
**Santa Fe Shutters**, [santafeshutters.co.nz](http://santafeshutters.co.nz)  
**Hunter Furniture**, [furniture.co.nz](http://furniture.co.nz)  
**Freedom**, [freedomfurniture.co.nz](http://freedomfurniture.co.nz)  
**Stacks Furniture**, [stacksfurniture.co.nz](http://stacksfurniture.co.nz)

## FINISHES



### HardieFlex™ Sheet cladding

Low-cost and durable, HardieFlex™ Sheet requires minimal maintenance and resists both fire and damage from moisture and rot.



Year warranty



Cost effective



Resistant to damage from moisture



Weather resistant



Low maintenance



Resistant to damage from rotting



Fire resistant



### HardieGroove™ Lining

Ideal in semi-wet areas such as bathrooms, HardieGroove™ Lining also offers outstanding impact resistance so it retains its good looks for years to come.



Year warranty



Impact resistant



Low maintenance



Resistant to damage from moisture



Easy to paint



Fire resistant



Semi-wet areas

## TIMELINE

