

Exterior Makeovers Design Guide

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Updating the outside of your home can add value and kerb appeal. Follow this guide to giving your property a exterior makeover

Updating Old Rainwater Goods

Another element you may look to update during an external makeover is old rainwater goods. The material you opt for will not only have an impact on aesthetics, but lifespan, as Martin Bell from Transform Architects explains:

“Cast iron has an average lifespan of 50 years, PVCu 30 years, aluminium 40 years, zinc 50 years, and timber, depending on the species, will last on average for 40 years providing the timber has been maintained correctly.

“PVCu is of course the most cost-effective option, although it has a limited colour palette, while the more expensive options are aluminium, steel or zinc, but will give a much nicer finish to the house. Modern makeovers, as well as heritage dwellings, tend to go for these choices, unless replacing like for like or if budget is an issue.”

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