

# BUILDING NEW PROJECT GUIDE

With so many different factors to consider, choosing a roof for your new home can seem like a daunting task. But if you take it step-by-step you'll find it's actually much easier than you ever thought!



## COLOUR & STYLE

Ideas and inspiration are all around us. Search online, ask friends for advice and drive around your neighbourhood to see what other people with similar style homes are doing. When choosing a colour for your roof, think about the big picture. How will the colour you choose complement the rest of your house? How will it work with the surrounding environment? Also remember to check whether there are any local restrictions that may dictate which colours you can and can't use.

..... CHECK OUT [COLORSTEEL.CO.NZ/COLOURS](http://COLORSTEEL.CO.NZ/COLOURS) .....

For information and articles on colour; how complementary colours work together, and how to choose the right one for your project.



Keep an eye out for other homes that inspire you



Conduct online research and talk to friends



Consider the landscape around your property



Consult the council about any local restrictions



## FORM & FUNCTION

When you start designing your roof try to minimise potential problem areas – places where excess salt and other contaminants could build-up over time and affect the performance of your roof. In terms of roofline, it really depends on what you're trying to say. If you want to make a statement, go for a gable roof. If you're more intent on reducing building costs, opt for a hip roof. And remember, make sure you have the minimum required roof pitch for your chosen profile. COLORSTEEL<sup>®</sup> is available in a range of profiles to suit any style of home. To find our suppliers and view their ranges, head to [colorsteel.co.nz/suppliers](http://colorsteel.co.nz/suppliers).

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Decide which profile you want to use



Make sure you have the minimum required pitch



Think about where to place solar panels



Consider eaves to reduce the risk of leaky homes



## SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT



The surrounding environment will influence everything from the colour you choose (what will work best with the natural landscape?) to the product you select (the closer you get to the coastline the more likely it will be that you'll need a specialist product like COLORSTEEL® MAXX®). Remember to consider the direction your site faces too – the orientation to North will have an impact on where you position things like solar panels.

### CHECK OUT COLORSTEEL.CO.NZ/PRODUCTS

For information and advice on choosing the right COLORSTEEL® product for your home, and your environment.



Think about which direction your home faces



Remember to factor in things like solar panels, aerials, etc



Consider your proximity to the coastline



Visit your site at different times of the day



## THE RIGHT PEOPLE



It's never too early to start talking to the experts. When you're looking for a designer, an architect, a builder or a roofer, ask friends and family for recommendations. When you're talking to professionals ask to see examples of their work, and make sure you check their credentials – your project will need to be supervised by a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP). It always pays to know a little about the Building Act too – it sets out exactly what each contractor is and isn't responsible for.

### CHECK OUT COLORSTEEL.CO.NZ/SUPPLIERS

For a nationwide database of suppliers.



Start talking to the experts as soon as you can



Ask questions and seek recommendations



Always ensure your project is supervised by an LBP



Familiarise yourself with the NZ Building Act



## WARRANTIES & MAINTENANCE



When the product you've selected is delivered on site, check the back of the sheet for the branded backer. Then, once your project is completed, ask your builder or roofer for your warranty documents and your Certificate of Authenticity – proof that you've got genuine COLORSTEEL®. Maintaining your roof is relatively straight forward, but very important. Check out the Maintenance Recommendations Brochure (available on our website) for more information on roof maintenance.

### CHECK OUT COLORSTEEL.CO.NZ/WARRANTY

For information on everything from maintaining your roof to the science behind COLORSTEEL®.



Check for the branded backer on the reverse of each sheet



Ask your builder or roofer for your warranty documents



Also ask for your Certificate of Authenticity



Make sure you understand your maintenance responsibilities

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