

# Breathable paints fit a Grand Design

Products - Claypaint, Eggshell

Project - Modernist home, former lime works

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One of the stars of Channel 4's Grand Designs was a modernist home built in the grounds of a disused lime works near Edinburgh.



The house, built by food writer Pru Irvine and husband Richard, is set against the backdrop of several historic stone lime kilns which the Irvines have undertaken to maintain for future generations.

Faced with the opportunity to build a large, new house in an historic setting, Pru and Richard were keen to build sensitively. Sustainability was very important to them.

As Pru said: "Given the opportunity to do something like this, we felt responsible for doing it sustainably - to create a building that would last.

"We wanted to create a breathing building and looked to achieve maximum breathability in every product used."

Naturally, Earthborn paints were ideal for the Irvine's new home. Being water based and totally oil free, they are highly breathable. The Irvines selected Claypaint for all internal

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plastered walls and ceilings, apart from one feature wall which was wallpapered, and Eggshell for the woodwork. They used the Taupe shade throughout.

Pru adds: "We are thrilled with the finished effect – the soft looks and subtle texture are fantastic.

"And when applying the paints, it was great that there were no horrible smells to make you feel ill. They were easy to apply, fast drying and cover really well."

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**Front page** - The Irvine's modernist home sits in the grounds of a disused lime works near Edinburgh.

**This page (left)** - Internal, plastered walls and ceilings feature Earthborn Claypaint while woodwork is treated with Earthborn Eggshell.

**This page (below)** - This Grand Design was built with sustainability in mind.



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