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GLASS EXTENSIONS

If you're in need of some extra space in your home, then a glass extension could be the answer. The added natural light and space could really make an impact to the way you live, seamlessly linking your house and garden. But if the thought of a uPVC conservatory makes you shudder, fear not, we have sought out some tasteful, modern options.

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To achieve a successful design,

make sure that the extension blends simply with the style of your house and that you use the correct materials to keep your extension warm in the winter and cool in the summer. An architect or specialist company can guide you through the process and advise you on all the rules and regulations that apply to this type of extension. Don't be tempted to cut any corners as you could be left with an unsightly structure that adds nothing to the value of your home.

Julia Berkin, communications manager for Pilkington Activ™ said: "We're seeing a trend towards young adults choosing to stay in their family home for longer due to the high cost involved with moving. As a result, houses are starting to burst at the seams, and adding a glass extension not only creates additional living space but adds value to the property. Home improvers should be aware that quality is imperative. Conservatories and glass extensions must be done well – cheap constructions, poor workmanship and skimping on the details can make it look

tacky and also means that the conservatory is unlikely to provide a comfortable year-round environment."

Michael Barnes, managing director for Apropos Tectonic said: "The juxtaposition of old and new works if done well and enhances the appeal of the original structure. There are restrictions imposed by planning authorities and building regulations but these can generally be overcome by the recognition that your glass addition should be sympathetic to its mother structure without attempting to mimic its style."

Hugo Tugman, from Architect Your Home offers the following advice: "Minimalist glass designs can transform your living area and can be applied to all homes regardless of era, age and character. There are also many modern glass alternatives that can replace standard windows and maximise the space and light potential of one's home. An architect can help, giving you professional advice and design ideas to make the most of even the most simple glass replacements."



1 This first floor conservatory / living room's elevated situation provides a calm area and a nice place to enjoy excellent views of the stunning gardens, Vale Garden Houses. **2** Lean to conservatory for an extension to a listed stone cottage. Price for something similar* around £30,000, Apropos Tectonic. **3** This colour framed conservatory illustrates how the use of colour can give a completely different look to a glass extension by Creative Windows and Conservatories Ltd. **4** The owners of this property wanted to demolish their existing dark and gloomy 1970s kitchen and open it up with the side return extension. The kitchen was one of the major elements in their project which in total cost £80,000, the client used Architect Your Home and chose an initial half-day kick-start visit from the pay-as-you-go menu of services and assistance with building control, Architect Your Home.

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