



Checklist

- Do you live in a bushfire prone area? Yes No
If so, you will need to ensure that your home is built according to bushfire requirements based on your BAL (Bushfire Attack Level).

- Do you live in a cyclone prone area? Yes No
If you live in a cyclone prone area, your roof will need to be constructed to adhere to the cyclone code, which may restrict your options. Discuss this with your local council.

- Does your region experience heavy rainfall? Yes No
The amount of rainfall your home is likely to experience may affect your choice of cladding, as well as your guttering and drainage specifications.

- Is your home in an alpine region? Yes No
Snow can add a significant amount of weight to your roof, and if you live somewhere that experiences snowfall you will likely need to account for this with a higher load bearing capacity and a steeper roof pitch.

- What is the weather like where you live?
 - Cold all year round
 - Hot all year round
 - Hot in summer, cold in winter
The type of roof cladding material you choose will have a significant impact on how much heat your roof absorbs, and therefore the temperature inside your home. Lighter, well ventilated roofs suit warmer climates, and homes in colder climates will benefit from roofs with a greater thermal mass.

- Do you want an attic? Yes No
Some roof styles (like mansard roofs and gabled roofs) are better suited for attics than others.

- Is colour a significant factor in your choice of roof? Yes No
Not all roof cladding materials offer a choice in terms of cladding. Likewise, some local councils even restrict your choice of roofing colours to preserve the 'feel' of the neighbourhood.



Roof

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- Are you building or renovating a particular architectural style of home? Yes No
Many architectural styles (federation, Georgian, Californian bungalow etc.) require particular roof styles or cladding materials to maintain an 'authentic' look and feel.

- Do you plan to install any fixtures (e.g. solar panels, solar hot water) on the roof? Yes No
The load bearing capacity of the roof will play a big part in your ability to install these features.

- Have you taken the weight of your cladding material into account? Yes No
There are significant weight differences between cladding materials, which in turn will affect the construction and load-bearing requirements of your house's walls.

- Have you established how the layout of your home will look? Yes No
The orientation of your home, as well as how close it is to neighbouring properties, will affect how you can best use your roof to provide shade and sunlight when it matters most.