

Hamptons-inspired style is tailor made for Perth

Whether it's Emily Thorne's beach house in the hit TV series *Revenge*, or a holiday getaway to picturesque Sag Harbour, classic Hamptons style continues to inspire home designs here in Perth.

Oswald Homes has long been regarded as a champion of the style, tailoring it for the Perth climate while capturing the character and sense of substance we associate with luxury weekenders, holiday homes and beachside estates in New York's famed summer playground.

Oswald Homes Principal Designer Brook Leber said many of the luxury homebuilder's clients were drawn to the style's casual elegance and its bright and breezy beach house charm.

"It's one of those classic design styles that makes perfect sense in Perth, whether it's along our own beautiful coastal strip or nestled into a leafy established suburb close to the city," he said.

"A Hamptons home makes a statement, but nothing is too formal and so the vibe perfectly complements our relaxed coastal lifestyle.

"The big open spaces in a Hamptons home are great for entertaining.

"Indoor spaces lead out to expansive verandahs and alfresco areas, and everywhere feels welcoming and restful.

"The Hamptons design aesthetic also works well with our construction techniques and building materials here in WA.

"Designed and specified correctly, a Hamptons-inspired home will age gracefully, looking good year after year in streetscapes old and new."

Here are five materials that help Oswald create Hamptons-inspired homes perfect for Perth:

Weatherboards: Quintessentially Hamptons, weatherboards were traditionally long planks of wood used to clad the exterior of homes in the Hamptons, protecting them from the salty sea air and harsh winds that whip along that section of the US coastline.

Thankfully, today's weatherboards offer lower maintenance than their predecessors. Typically made of fibre cement instead of high-maintenance timber, modern weatherboards look stunning painted in the soft blues, dove greys and silky creams associated with the Hamptons style.

Used horizontally, they create a classic Hamptons design feature.

Different profiles are available depending on whether you're after casual beachside style or a more detailed, dressier look.

Shingle-style roof tiles: Often used in conjunction with high roof pitches, traditional roof shingles help give classic Hamptons homes their distinctive aesthetic.

Traditional rustic roof shingles were often made of timber or slate.

Flat and rectangular, the overlapping shingles created long, sweeping rooflines.

Today's choice of roof tiles means you can easily mimic the traditional look while sticking to a modern, readily available product.

Choose grey or dark grey to set off soft-hued exterior walls and the crisp white of joinery and mouldings.

Timber: A pretty white-painted timber arbour adds a touch of romance and nostalgia, especially when paired with a delicate climber such as a wisteria.

White-painted timber is a popular choice for many Hamptons design features inside and out, from balustrading, windows and doorframes, to skirting boards, wall panelling and architraves.

Mouldings: Usually painted a crisp white, mouldings highlight features such as window shapes, pillars and layered elements in a Hamptons-style home.

They add both character and definition and include capping, frieze panels and banding.

Stone: With its beautiful texture and natural



colour variations, stone is one of Oswald's favourite Hamptons design features.

There's a vast array of natural and engineered stone cladding to choose from, with both light-coloured and dark-hued stones working well for this look.

It's all about highlighting the stone with crisp white.

Oswald Homes' Hamptons-style display home The Long Island at Kintail Road, Applecross, will reopen on January 14. Opening times are 2-4pm Saturdays and Sundays.

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