



## TAKE SHADE

Australian architect Tim Angus avoided the overheating problems associated with expanses of glazing in this design for a glass conservatory in Melbourne. Angus developed custom aluminium louvre sunshades positioned on the north of the volume to block out 95 per cent of the summer sun, but let in the much-needed winter rays. The project cost AU\$150,000 (approx £68,300). (timangusarchitect.com)



## Dream doors

If the thought of wooden panelling conjures up gloomy Victorian drawing rooms, prepare to reconsider. Architects Squire & Partners (020 7278 5555; squireandpartners.com) has brought the idea up to date by pairing American walnut panels and sliding doors with crisp white paint and neutral Scandi furniture. The oak front door by Diamond Joinery (0800 177 7706; diamond-joinery-london.co.uk) has been cut with a three-dimensional pattern for a strikingly modern effect.

## Hidden gem

Blink and you'll miss this single-storey brick home in London, which architect Jack Woolley designed to be largely concealed by the roadside wall. It's sunk into the former garden site and employs a spiral-shaped floor plan that also creates a private patio garden at the rear of the plot. With no scope for windows in the boundary walls, Woolley introduced an expansive skylight that runs the length of the build. (07773 325 688; jackwoolley.co.uk)



## BRIGHT IDEA

This basement extension in north-west London is anything but dingy; Fraher Architects created a large skylight to illuminate the new dining room, snug and bathroom. The slate grey bricks cladding the exterior contrast with the bright white rooms, and a large green roof provides a habitat for the local wildlife. A similar project would cost £1,250 per sqm. (020 8291 6947; fraher.co)

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