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Japandi

Japandi brings together the best elements of Scandinavian and Japanese minimalism in a hybrid architectural style, resulting in a simple and elegant home.

Simple structures with clean, sleek lines—a combination of Hardie™ Fine Texture Cladding, Hardie™ Axent™ Trim and Axon™ Cladding are used to create the minimalist Japandi look.





Zen, minimalist & ambient

Japandi is a hybrid architectural style combining Scandinavian functionality with Japanese rustic minimalism to simple and elegant effect.

Easy going and sophisticated, Japandi is a hybrid architectural style bringing together the best features of Scandinavian functionality with Japanese minimalism. The Japandi house is dedicated to simplicity, quality, craftsmanship and natural materials. The aesthetic is minimal without being cold, utilising natural materials, neutral colours and simple layouts with an emphasis on indoor/outdoor living.

Japanese and Scandinavian design styles have many complementary qualities, both characteristically minimalist in their approach whilst also prioritising comfort, the importance of tranquillity and connection to nature.

Similarities extend to how both styles draw inspiration from local pioneering principles: 'wabi-sabi' in Japan and 'hygge' in Scandinavia. The Japanese 'wabi-sabi' worldview appreciates the imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete beauty of the natural world and strongly emphasises humans' relationship with nature. 'Hygge' (pronounced hoo-ga) is an obsession in Scandinavia encompassing a feeling of cozy contentment and well-being through enjoying the simple things in life.

Where the two approaches diverge, their differences complement each other. Where Japanese interiors are sleek, Nordic ones are rustic. The richer colours of Japanese design help to keep the stark, crisp palettes of Scandinavian homes from feeling clinical. The Japandi aesthetic is minimal without being cold, utilising natural materials, neutral colours and simple layouts with an emphasis on indoor/outdoor living. As a result, Japandi-style homes feel cosy and warm whilst also providing a sense of tranquillity and calm via the biophilic benefits of living closer to nature.

- 1 Traditional finishes such as Axon™ Cladding mixed with natural timber decking bring a sense of calm to this courtyard.
- 2 Colours remain neutral and within the same tonal scheme to add warmth to the simple form of this Japandi home.



Why now?

- Japandi architecture emphasises simple spaces that can provide a sense of calm against the busyness of life, an antidote to post-Covid global stressors
- Multi-purpose and flexible spaces are fundamental to the Japandi style. Connection and separation throughout the home allow spaces to be used independently but can come together as needed
- Retractable screens and sheets are often used to divide rooms, rather than doors, creating a sense of openness but also privacy
- Rustic textures, organic shapes and the seamless connection between indoors and outdoors instill a sense of tranquillity