

# Encyclopedia of Detail in Contemporary Residential Architecture

700+ Scaled Construction Details

Walls Floors  
Windows Doors  
Roofs Stairs  
Landscape

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13 Glass Houses

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Kitsbury Road House, Hertfordshire, England, UK



The site is a dwelling forming part of a Victorian terraced house. Whilst the front of the terrace remains largely original, various additions had been made to the rear. The architect sought to unify the house and to define the relationship between the house and the garden. The reworked rear elevation is comprised of a simple flat roof with the ground becoming a continuous plane that steps up as it wanders towards the rear of the house, rising each time a space changes in function. On entering the house, long views of the garden are reinforced by an uninterrupted stone worktop that runs the length of the party wall and emerges into the garden, where it becomes an external counter and seating area. The whole of this zone is top lit via continuous roof lights. Folding surfaces are a recurring theme – a stone worktop folds to emphasize the tactile realization of its corner, while laminated plywood shelves fold around surfaces and frame views, connecting spaces.

Walls 1.092  
Floors 2.021 2.022 2.050  
Windows 3.113  
Doors 4.084  
Roofs 5.026 5.027  
Landscape 7.007

