

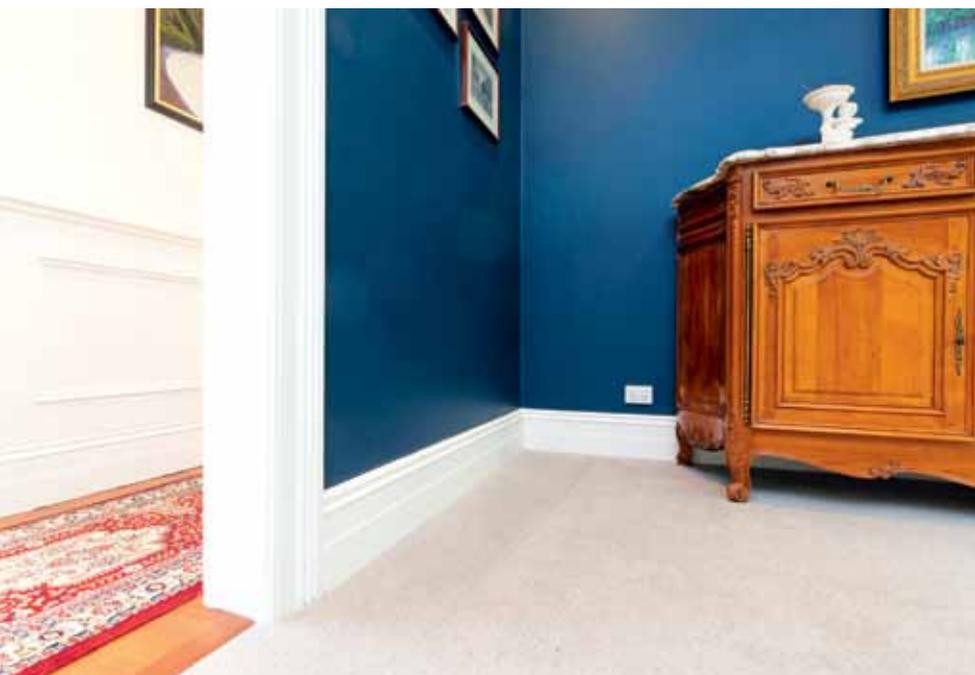


PERFECT SKIRTS

Five steps to choosing the right skirting boards and architraves

Timber mouldings might be the bridesmaid of home design, but the right skirting boards and architraves can really add to the wow factor of your home.

With so many different options and profiles, it's important to take time to choose the best fit for the style and ambience you want to create. Founded in 1993, Intrim is a leading Australian manufacturer of finely crafted timber mouldings, skirting, architraves and handrails for residential homes and commercial projects. Passionate about creating spectacular interiors, Intrim says pre-planning and careful consideration are important for getting the look right and offers these five tips to get you started.



1 Style. The style of your interior will help refine your choices. When selecting your skirting and architraves, consider if you are also using wall panelling as the style of panelling and its finished thickness will impact your choices. When you have up to four options on your shortlist, you can request samples from the Intrim website to finalise your choice. This free service allows you to check before you commit to a particular profile.

2 Skirting height and scale. Consider some basic rules of thumb in relation to height and scale. The taller your ceiling height, the taller your skirting needs to be to provide a sense of scale. However, your decision will be impacted by certain designs that call for taller profiles, and on how you want your room to look and feel overall. The size of your architraves is generally a shorter profile height than your skirting boards.

3 To match or not. While most people choose to match their skirting and architraves in the same profile shape in different heights, many profiles from the same style family can be mixed and matched to create beautiful effects. Adding skirting blocks and architrave corner blocks brings another dimension to doorways, fireplaces and staircases. These finishing details can really help capture the style you want to achieve.

4 Practicality. Is your home high traffic? Do you have children and pets running and playing inside? If so, you may wish to consider a high skirting board (at least 185mm in height) to provide a better level of protection for your walls, especially if you're using wallpaper or a bold colour where chips and marks will be more visible.

5 Colour and finish. An ideal choice for most homes is pre-primed FJ Pine skirting and architraves, which comes sealed all the way around, unlike MDF and unprimed timbers, where only the surface facing outwards is painted. Most people choose to paint them in whites and neutrals, which will create a more spacious feel, but if you want something on trend or a little different, choose something bold.

When you have made your design choices and are ready to take the next step, you can either buy your Intrim Mouldings direct or via your builder, carpenter or specialist fit-out company. Intrim manufactures to order and ships to your site ready for installation, making your experience as easy as possible. 🏠

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