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“Check this out,” says my three-year-old granddaughter before making a silly face. It makes me laugh every single time.

She was just growing out of the baby stage when I arrived at **abode** and is now almost sounding more like a teenager than a toddler. They really do grow up so fast, which, of course, sets one thinking about the future they’ll see.

So the **abode** team is thrilled to highlight in this issue just a few of the people, products and ideas that rethink the ways we build and furnish our homes with an eye to sustainability. With solutions both big and small, from low-VOC insulation to bamboo floors, there’s also an extra focus on the many benefits of that wonder-fibre, wool.

I’m so grateful to know there are those with passion and ingenuity to make a difference, with clever improvements and new innovations, so we can all look our mokopuna in the eye and feel confident about the impact we’re making on their world. Make sure you check out the Sustainable Materials special feature from page 25.

And on the subject of mindfulness, our home features from page 35 are all beautiful examples of the best in renovations and new builds. All of them, from a coastal downsizer in Sumner (page 60) to an architect’s own home in Auckland (page 36), are perfectly crafted for the homeowners. You’ll find thoughtful details about the liveability, style and wider effects in each bespoke home, so there’s something to inspire everyone.

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Once is a mistake, they say. Twice is a coincidence. Three times is definitely a choice.

My husband and I have just moved into our third fixer-upper, so I must now accept that I am a serial renovator.

We would have loved to have found a shiny new (or nearly new) turnkey house. Apparently that's not who we are. Show us something faded and dated – even slightly rickety – and our eyes light up at the chance to make it our own.

By now we have learned a few tricks. Consistent flooring throughout makes a huge difference. Updated taps, handles and lighting work wonders. Paint is magic.

We also know to expect the unexpected. This time? Our standard-size washer and dryer don't quite fit into the laundry nook. For now, we'll mull over that with the doors annoyingly ajar and focus on something more fun, like landscaping or window treatments.

So, surrounded by towers of unpacked cardboard boxes, I am eyeing up every page of **abode** for fresh new design ideas. Our Inside Style section from page 26 is an especially useful resource, where we delve into the minds of some talented architects and designers for colour advice. And Room Service on page 22 delivers some pro tips on styling.

And, of course, there's a treasure trove of incredible feature homes from page 31. Whether you're planning a new build or a full-blown reno, wanting a refresh or just dreaming, there's a lot to delve into this autumn, so I hope you enjoy.

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