

# PORTFOLIO: *Package Builds*

With first-time self-builders after peace of mind, a fast build time and fixed costs, package companies can offer the solution. **Daisy Jeffery** looks at five examples showcasing this build route at its best

## PERFECTLY FRAMED

DESIGNER: OAKWRIGHTS (OAKWRIGHTS.CO.UK 01432 353353)  
KENT | SIZE: 550M<sup>2</sup> | BUILD TIME: TWO YEARS | FRAME COST: £202,000

**When it comes to building a traditional-style home, bringing in an oak frame package company is a popular choice,**

which is why homeowners Martin and Tracey Cox turned to Oakwrights to design and build the oak frame for their new build.

The brief was for a bespoke, four bedroom manor house to replace an old 1950s bungalow. "At the initial design meeting the clients referred to designs from the design book," says Oakwrights Architectural Designer, John Williams. "They liked the idea of combining brick detailing with traditional exposed frame and render panelling above." Following an adjustment in ridge height at the request of the local planning authority - resulting in a

change in levels of the roof line - planning consent was gained.

"This particular frame took around four weeks to manufacture off site and then an additional four weeks to erect on site, with another 12 days to fit the panels within the frame," adds John.

Oakwrights were responsible for the design, planning and Building Regulation drawings, oak frame design, and the construction of the project along with designing, supplying and fitting their patented 3i Infill Panel System to insulate the home. A main contractor and specialist subcontractors were then employed to finish the building.

The characterful exterior sets the tone for the rest of the home, with the vaulted ceilings and arch brace trusses - featured in the principal rooms throughout the house - being focal points inside (FAR RIGHT).

The main structure includes large expanses of glazing to the rear, welcoming light through the dining entrance hall with a galleried landing open to the first floor. Further natural light is introduced with a glazed panel built in to the dining room floor, allowing light to reach the full-size basement below.

"The build had turned out even better than I had anticipated and it was obvious that it would be a great house," adds Oakwrights Managing Director, Tim Crump. "All in all, this is a wonderful family home." ▶

### Exciting Exterior

The symmetrical frontage of this Oakwrights design in Kent with its combination of building materials makes for a welcoming exterior while evoking the classic country house style



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