

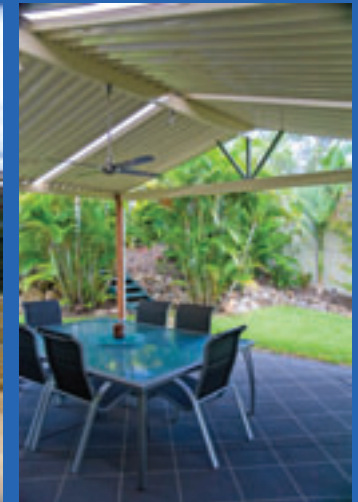
HOMESHIELD

Patios & Decks

eGuide for Designing the Perfect Patio

Where do you start when you are designing a patio area for your home? Homeshield is here to make sure you get exactly what you want - a fully customised patio that fits your needs.

As a way of making it easier, this eGuide is designed as a practical “workbook” of things you should consider when conceptualising your outdoor entertaining area to ensure the design will result in the perfect patio.



At Homeshield we are specialist builders that purely concentrate on designing and building decks and patios for our clients. We have access to a variety of different building materials and this will always be our secondary focus. For us, we believe our design service is paramount for our clients. We ensure each design is customised to your personal situation and the area we create will be practical, sophisticated and will add real value to your home.

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Patio Design

Firstly, you need to have a think about the various aspects of the design, and decide which approach will best suit you. Having considered these questions allows you to more easily choose a product that fits your budget.

What are your thoughts on the following issues when considering your project?

- Aspect – protection from prevailing weather i.e. sun, wind and rain.

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- Privacy – for both you and your neighbours.

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- Views – Angle of the roof to capture the views.

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- Proximity to facilities – kitchen, toilet, BBQ etc.
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What's your desired Roof Layout and Shape?

Flat Patio – Waterproof, Practical, Economical

Gabled Patio – Open, Airy, Bright, match house gable with the gable pitch

Flat / Gable Combo Patio – great in large areas, creates interest and adds appeal to the traditional roof line.

Flyover / Raised above House Roof – Breezy, Modern, Increases head height.



Patio Size

How big are you thinking? Bear in mind that in addition to the space you have available, the appropriate size will also come down to what you will be using the patio for. Below is a rule of thumb:

- o 2 – 4 people with just table and chairs = 3m x 2.4m
- o 4 – 6 people with just table and chairs = 4m x 3m
- o 6 – 8 people with table, chairs and BBQ = 4.8m x 3.6m
- o 8 – 10 people with table, chairs and BBQ = 6m x 3.6m

Roofing Materials

With so much choice being offered to consumers who and what do you believe? The basic options and benefit are as follows:

- o **Steel** – Cost effective; many profiles and suppliers to choose from.
- o **Aluminum** – Will not rust; ideal in coastal areas or around pools. Up to 34% cooler than steel roof sheets.
- o **Insulated** – Roof and ceiling in one! Eliminates mildew & condensation; large unsupported spans - strong enough to walk on; excellent insulating properties & year round climate control (cool in summer, warm in winter).

Posts and Beams

What materials do you have in mind? There are numerous options available.

- o **Timber** – Species, strength, treatment type (painted or stained)
- o **Powder Coated Aluminum/Steel** – Worry free, low maintenance, longevity.

Colours

Do you want to match the existing colour scheme, or contrast with it? i.e. roof colour, gutters etc.
