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Adding a conservatory to your property is the simplest way to create additional living space.

To help you choose your conservatory, we've compiled top tips from interior designers, architects and well-known gardening experts, along with advice and assistance on the installation process, helping to make your dream become a reality.

The products shown within this guide are supplied by K2 Conservatories - one of the UK's largest suppliers of advanced, fully sculptured PVCu and aluminium conservatory systems. K2's products, which are utilised by installers nationwide, meet BSI standards and are BBA accredited, widely recognised as the construction industry's benchmark.



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'The combination of distinctive features characterising a specific construction or design'

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victorian

A piece of period perfection.

The Victorian is one of the most popular conservatory styles.

These conservatories are generally adorned with the traditional cresting and finials. They are versatile both in terms of size and practicality.

They will complement almost any style of property and can be readily adapted to suit whatever space is available – whether a large garden or a small patio area.

Typically Victorian conservatories have a three or five facet bay.



gable

A touch of modern splendour.

This increasingly popular design enjoys an imposing front elevation, delivering a feeling of height and space.

As a result, the Gable adds a real sense of presence to any home - even older, period properties.

If you're looking for a conservatory that takes your breath away every time you look at it, then this is definitely the style for you!

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georgian

A union of space and style

The Georgian conservatory, also known as the Edwardian, is characterised by its square or rectangular footprint.

This means they are incredibly space efficient - allowing you to achieve the maximum possible floor area, with increased furnishing options.

The Georgian conservatory isn't just about function. It is a stylish choice that will suit many contemporary homes with its clear, strong lines. Often at its best with a brick dwarf wall.



**“find a new perspective,
use a conservatory to create
your own view of the world”**

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sunroom

Simply stylish.

Maybe you're looking for something a little less ornate. Perhaps you live in a bungalow or a house with low eaves.

Either way, a Sunroom or low pitch conservatory equates to the perfect design solution.

Sometimes referred to as a Mediterranean, Lean-to or Studio room, this style enjoys crisp, clean lines and has a truly modern feel.



bespoke

Inspired by your imagination.

What if you want a conservatory design that is unique to you?

A style outside of those mentioned so far?

No problem.

We have the ability to produce totally bespoke conservatories based on your own particular needs and designs - whether a particularly large span construction or a conservatory that is based on unusual dimensions due to the nature of the site.

Simply ask your sales advisor and if we can realise your dream... we will.

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***“take the next step,
add a touch of design to create
something truly unique”***





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think about its use

How do you envisage using your new conservatory? As a playroom? A dining area? An office? Whatever your answer, your conservatory's day-to-day use should help you determine how large it needs to be as well as which layout will work best.

choose your materials wisely

Using PVC-U to create your conservatory will enable you to benefit from years of hassle free maintenance and is a more cost effective alternative to timber built conservatories.

think about the position

Bear in mind the aspect of your conservatory. Conservatories that face south receive the most sun and as such, the need for adequate ventilation and blinds is crucial. You might also want to think about using Celsius performance glass in the roof.

bigger isn't always better

Once you've decided on the design and size of your new conservatory, check to ensure it will complement your home and doesn't take up your entire garden. Treat it as a fluid extension to your home rather than just an add-on.

consider your glazing options

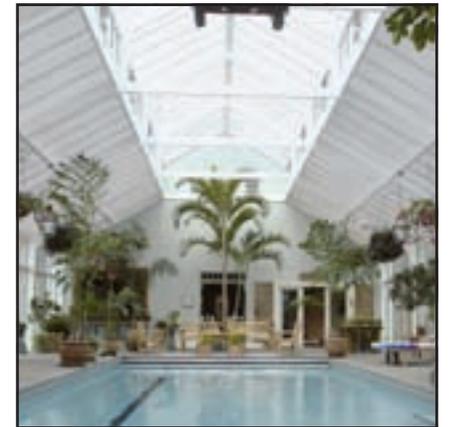
Think about the type of glazing you'd like to use. Normal glass and polycarbonate will allow solar heat to penetrate into your conservatory, raising the inside temperature on hot summer days. To avoid this, whilst reducing heat loss in winter, opt for Celsius performance glass.

ventilation, ventilation, ventilation

Ensure that you have adequate ventilation so that you can enjoy your conservatory even on the warmest of days. The K2 roof vent lets fresh air in whilst keeping the elements out. You could also consider roof fans or an air conditioning unit.

top tips

There's no disguising the fact that choosing a conservatory can be a difficult and daunting task. But it doesn't have to be that way. We are here to help you get it right. We've compiled the following top tips from interior designers, architects and well-known gardening experts.



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Once you own a conservatory, you'll wonder how you ever lived without it. They are the perfect way to transform any property and add space, style and a genuine sense of luxury to your home.

before

When Jack and Christine Murdoch moved into their four bedroom house in Lancashire, although happy with their purchase, Christine was still keen to increase the amount of room available and a conservatory seemed like the ideal solution. The couple also recognised the fact that a new conservatory would be a good investment – adding value to their home by increasing its footprint, whilst serving as an extra selling point in the future.



design features

- Double french doors positioned to the side for flexibility.
- Full height picture window for garden views.
- Sunburst gable frame.
- Celsius performance glass used in the roof and side windows for maximum reduction of heat and glare in the summer months.

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after

After extensive research, the couple opted for the superior quality of K2. Specifically, a Gable style conservatory with a striking sunburst gable end, combined with a picture window to ensure uninterrupted views of the garden.



planning, position & other issues

It's all in the planning

Considering the aesthetic appeal, quality and impressive levels of versatility offered by a conservatory, you'll probably be keen to create your new, prized investment! But, before you dive head first into the decision making process, it is always worth spending a few moments planning your new investment and thinking about any issues that might affect its construction and eventual use.

Position

The position - or aspect - of your conservatory should always influence your final choice of design, layout and furnishings. Conservatories facing south receive more direct sunlight and as such you might want to consider additional ventilation, blinds and even the use of a performance glass such as Celsius.

With north facing conservatories, these issues are less pressing. However, the use of glass as a glazing option to prevent heat loss and overheating is increasing



in popularity whatever the location of a conservatory.

East facing conservatories catch the early morning sun and make ideal morning or breakfast rooms, whereas west facing rooms catch the evening sunset and are a perfect place to relax after a long day.

Size and shape

When it comes to conservatories, bigger isn't always better. What really counts is that you opt for a size and shape that will complement your home and garden – not overpower them. Also don't be content with a mental picture of your conservatory as plans and measurements on paper can be deceptive.

Get a feel for the conservatory area, go outside and mark out the planned boundaries, then walk around within them to get an accurate impression of your conservatory's dimensions. Remember that the walls will take up space so your conservatory's interior will be smaller than the area marked.



Planning & building regulations

Planning & building regulation requirements can vary across the UK. For more information please visit www.planningportal.gov.uk

In all cases, if you have any doubts at all, check with your local authority.

bringing your vision to life

You've considered your options, weighed up the benefits and finally decided upon the design and layout of your beautiful new conservatory. So what happens next? Just how does your dream become a welcome reality?

Step 1

The installer will prepare the site, dig the foundations, install necessary drainage and lay a concrete foundation.



Step 2

With the foundations laid and the wall constructed to finished floor level, the installer will now prepare the floor slab.



Step 3

Next, the installer will construct the dwarf wall if required.



Step 4

With the base in position and the dwarf walls completed, the frames making up the conservatory sides are put in place.



Step 5

Following straight on, the roof is installed. The installer will glaze the roof & fit the sealed glass units to the side frames.



Step 6

From here, all you have to do is furnish your new conservatory and it's ready for you to enjoy for many years to come!

