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Contemporary design probably doesn't spring to mind when you think of retirement bungalows. But this home on the Dorset coast by Ström Architects is super modern. To cope with the sloping site, the architects designed a simple, single-storey building that cantilevers out over a wall. The house is wrapped in larch cladding, with full-height glazing to make the most of the woodland views. The project cost £750,000. (01590 677 442; stromarchitects.com)

Dual purpose

If you're having a covered terrace area in your new-build, you'll most likely need to include a supporting column. Murmuur Architecten in Belgium (+32 485 49 7550; murmuur.eu), came up with a clever way of using the structure, turning it into a tiled chimney for an outdoor fireplace. For similar, try the Pools range from Johnson Tiles, from £87 per sqm. (01782 524000; johnson-tiles.com)

MAKE AN ENTRANCE

We love the dramatic doorway that AR Design Studio added to this 1970s house in Hampshire. Asked to bring more light into the home, the team created a two-storey extension with large-format glazed panels to bring sunlight through the centre of the property. Clad in grey-toned fibre cement, it contrasts with the existing red-brick walls. A similar addition would cost from £2,500 per sqm. (01962 864 545; ardesignstudio.co.uk)

Spotlight on

SPACE SAVING

With more and more people living in small, city apartments, architects and designers are turning their attention to multifunctional interiors that squeeze in all the essential furniture. This tiny space by London studio CIAO neatly hides a double bed in a pull-out drawer underneath a home office. The project cost £70,000. (020 3475 1385; ciao.archi)

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