



Modern Cabins

Return to the Wild

Introduction by Dev Desai

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- A beautifully illustrated and inspirational book that showcases innovative and modern cabin designs
- Engaging descriptions of each project that detail challenges, benefits, and tips and tricks from designers
- Covers a wide range of inspiring, contemporary cabin designs from across the globe, including Canada, France, Ireland, Norway, Finland, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States
- A richly photographed design reference covering every imaginable type of cabin, including off-grid and prefabricated models and more

"Modern life getting on top of you? You'll find inspiration for an escape to the wild in the pages of this new photo book, which showcases spectacular cabins in breathtaking locations." — **The Daily Mail**

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Modern Cabins: Return to the Wild reveals infinite possibilities to connect with nature in contemporary cabins set in idyllic locations. This richly illustrated book includes a worldwide selection of projects—across Asia, Australia, Europe, United Kingdom, and the Americas—showcasing inventive methods to maximise small spaces, and to make the fast pace of city living a distant memory. These cosy retreats—embedded in stunning and remote locations and designed to be at one with the wilderness—are truly sanctuaries.

Also available: *Cabins: Escape to Nature*, ISBN 9781864708332

Dev Desai founded DDAA (Dev Desai Architects and Associates) in 2020, an offshoot from a firm that specialises in residential villas and interiors. His formative development as an architect was under the guidance of Pritzker Laureate Toyo Ito and associates (Japan) and Vo Trong Nghia Architects (Vietnam). Both continue to have a strong influence on his work. As a young and dynamic studio, DDAA constantly challenges the threshold of architectural design through a contemporary unique language. One of the initial projects under DDAA was the design development of a tiny cabin on a coffee estate, as an alternative way of living during the pandemic. To minimise the ecological impact, the cabin was prefabricated and assembled within 4 weeks on-site. What started as a humble architectural project has now evolved into a series of prefabricated cabin designs and an eco-resort where 15 of such cabins will be built on the estate. Desai also founded Re-Build, a research venture that addresses the challenges in conventional prefab, and merges the power of digital fabrication to amortise the cost of construction, reduce the dependence on manual labour, eliminate the need for heavy machinery, and reduce the time for assembly to a few days. The connection with nature and the desire to push the boundaries of architecture and construction are the guiding principles behind his work.

