

# GOING UP IN THE WORLD



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**INCREASING** NUMBERS OF NEW HOMES ARE BEING BUILT WITH SECOND STOREYS. It's a matter of fitting in all those rooms that modern lifestyles require, on blocks of land that seem to be shrinking. Enlarging homes with extensions and renovations often mean adding extra levels as a way to unlock more space.

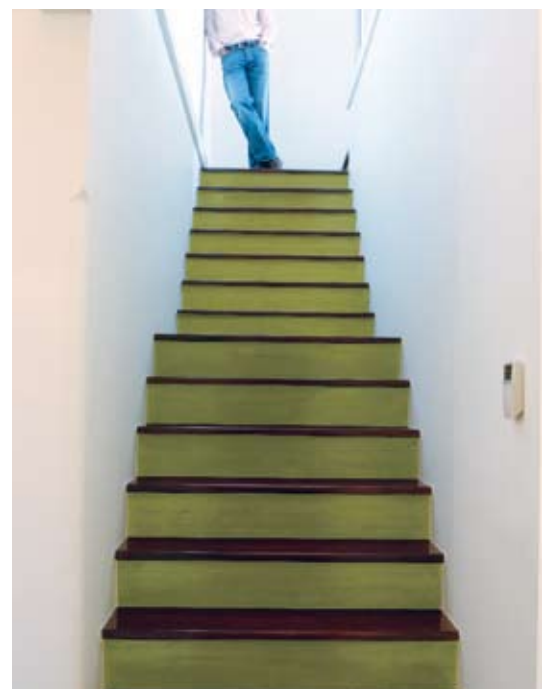
The decoration of the staircase boils down to whether the look should be wooden or painted; or maybe a bit of both.

Fans of polished timbers will say, the decision is easy. Strip off old paint, sand and refinish in a tough new varnish that will help withstand traffic. Yes. That's OK if you like the loud sound of footsteps on the stairs. We recommend a carpet runner (better than fully carpeted stairs that tend to look like rounded teddy bears) up the centre of the staircase, It's softer underfoot, quieter and gives the opportunity to add some colour.

Then there are paint enthusiasts like us who like nothing better than a painted staircase.

**WHICH BITS OF THE STAIRCASE TO PAINT IN WHICH COLOURS, TREADS AND RISERS, BALUSTERS AND HANDRAILS? WHICH TO HIGHLIGHT AND WHICH TO PLAY DOWN? HERE ARE THE SOME OF THE BEST LOOKING OPTIONS.**

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT STAIRS ARE BECOMING A WAY OF LIFE MORE AND MORE? GOOD THING. STAIRCASES ARE TERRIFIC, THEY ALWAYS ADD A FEEL OF LUXURY, AND BETTER STILL, THEY GIVE AN EXTRA AREA TO DECORATE. EXCELLENT.



A contemporary staircase can take dynamic colour treatments. Here the treads are treated with a deep brown, heavy-duty timber finish to withstand the traffic and the risers are painted a fashionable green. The effect is stripey and interesting. The risers can confidently be given decorative treatments because they don't get any wear and tear from foot traffic.