



Santa Barbara Sanctuary

“One of the most important things to consider when choosing a green material is its life cycle—the selection must not only be produced with minimal environmental impact, it must also require little maintenance and be extremely durable,” explains architect Michelle Kaufmann, who created a custom house in Santa Barbara, based on her own Sunset Breezhouse design, using Cor-Ten steel and ipe wood siding. “Ipe is outstanding because it’s incredibly long-lasting. The trees grow in areas that are covered in water for much of the year, which is why the wood is so hard and virtually immune to corrosion. Cor-Ten is meant to rust over time, and never needs to be repainted or refinished, which saves both time and resources.”

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