



FACADE LIFT

Want to modernise the look of your home without extensive remodelling? Take a look at this small roof extension by Studio 54 Architecture (020 7729 7818; studio54architecture.co.uk). It replaced the front elevation with a boxy rainscreen and larch-clad extension, then added two windows to bring more light into the upper floors.



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Vinayak Bharne's *Zen Spaces in Neon Places: Reflections on Japanese Architecture and Urbanism* (£30, ARD_P) explores the ways defining moments in Japan's cultural and political history have transformed the country's urban landscape.

NATURAL REFLECTION

Architects often try to mirror local landscapes in their designs, but this cabin in Ontario, Canada, by UUFie (+1 416 533 9999; uufie.com) takes the concept to a whole new level. A deep cut-out in the seven-metre-high A-frame has been lined with mirrors, giving the illusion that the forest continues through the building. The black-wood cladding is also ingenious – created using charred cedar, it acts as a natural agent against termite and fire damage.



3 of the best Inspiring glazing

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Glass corridor Floor-to-ceiling glazing provides 180° views between the first-floor living space and outdoor terrace. HUT Architecture (hutarchitecture.com)



Optical illusion Mirrored panels and hidden sliding doors create areas of privacy in this modern build. Paritzki & Liani Architects (+972 3510 1134; pa-ii.com)



Bring the outdoors in A large, low window gives the impression of towering above the surrounding forest. Smerin Architects (07528 872 156; smerin.co.uk)