

# Homebuilding & Renovating Awards

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**Tudor Roof Tile Co Limited** is an independent UK manufacturer of handmade clay plain and peg tiles in standard and bespoke sizes ideal for modern self-build and traditional restoration projects.

## What are the Tudor Handmade Clay Tiles benefits to self-builders/property renovators:-

- **Outstanding aesthetic appeal** : They add value, character and individuality to self-build homes through their natural mellow tones and weathered appearance. Each tile is hand-pressed, moulded and trimmed. With no two tiles the same, their subtle variation of tone and texture, when blended together, make beautiful roofscapes.
- **Historically authentic solution**: Acceptable to Conservation Officers, helping renovators preserve old and listed properties.
- **Quality of craftsmanship**: Tudor's master tile-makers continue to use age-old, traditional handmaking skills and a craftsmanship, which is combined with advanced firing techniques in a modern energy efficient kiln in order to produce high quality characterful sand-faced tiles that exceed modern performance standards.
- **Sustainability**: The BRE designates clay as an 'A+' rating for least environmental impact. At Tudor Tiles, local sand is used to mix with the clay and then fired in a highly energy efficient kiln. 97% of all unfired sand and clay waste is recycled. When clay roof tiles do eventually reach the end of their life, they can be recycled as crushed aggregate in a wide range of applications and even be recycled into new tiles and bricks. Clay roof tiles are ecologically friendly and do not produce harmful gasses or waste during manufacture.
- **Durability**: Made from Etruria Marl, a particularly strong and durable English clay, each Tudor tile is strengthened by advanced firing techniques to give exceptional performance and durability. All tiles are CE marked to BS:EN 1304 standards, including frost resistance, water impermeability and flexural strength.
- **Value for money**: Although more expensive to purchase than most volume manufactured cladding materials produced as a commodity, the quality and outstanding aesthetic appeal of clay hanging tiles can add significantly to the long-term value of any property, potentially outweighing any initial outlay. Vertical tiling has minimum maintenance costs and Tudor's handmade cladding tiles come with a guarantee of durability.
- **Insulation and weather protection**: Since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, clay roof tiles have also been hung vertically (mainly on the first floor walls of homes in the South East of England), as

insulation and protection against freezing temperatures and driving rain. Also, as an additional layer they add to the thermal insulation of a building.

- **Tudor goes the extra mile:** Tudor strives to provide suitable blends and create non-standard sizes to match existing historic roofs or to suit architect's bespoke designs.
- **British manufacturer:** Based in Kent, Tudor offers UK-based customer support in addition to 30-year product guarantees. Factory visits are always welcome.

### Mini case study.



Image courtesy of Chris Dyson Architects

A recent example of how Tudor has transformed customers lives is the remodelling of Lucas and Hayley Lepola's home: a drab and box-like poorly designed 1960's house in Saffron Walden, further disfigured in the 1970s, which was in need of renovation.

Innovative use of Tudor's traditional roof tiles to clad the whole of the re-designed building envelope made an amazing transformation to their home and lives.

Architect, Chris Dyson, was commissioned to give the interior and exterior a complete makeover. The new design questioned every aspect of the existing building: the front door was re-located to the heart of the plan and centred on the façade, while the boxy double garage was converted into habitable rooms. An entrance hallway, another staircase, a study and a utility room, plus a large upstairs skylight and a family bathroom were also added.



Handmade clay hanging tiles, in a Medium Antique colour, were used to clad the entire exterior (walls and roof) giving it a 'wow' factor, which literally made passers-by turn their heads. According to Chris Dyson: "Tudor's tile cladding pulled the new and existing elements of the building together whilst also presenting something unique and fitting within its suburban context."

Lucas Lepola said: "We found Tudor Roof Tile Ltd. to be terrific to work with. We were complete novices when it came to building work, and the project itself was fairly complicated from a tiling perspective. The team at Tudor were on hand to guide us through the options, even down to producing bespoke tiles for some unusual angles. We couldn't be happier with

the tiles themselves. Being handmade, each tile is completely unique and full of character. Given that the clay tile cladding is probably the most important detail of the project, we are very happy to have been able to work with Tudor Roof Tiles."



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**Tudor Roof Tile Co Limited** produces genuine handmade in clay Peg tiles and Plain tiles of the kind that have graced English walls and roofs over the centuries both as decoration and as insulation and weather protection.

Often used as a traditional form of decorative cladding on walls (defined as any surface at a pitch of 75 degrees or greater from the horizontal), with fine detailing and historically authentic embellishments on the upper storeys, Tudor's clay tiles have a quality of craftsmanship that makes them a preferred choice for renovators of period styled homes.

Now, their hanging clay tiles are increasingly used to clad complete walls or even wrap entire buildings in an innovative way to create bold looking modern homes with a real 'wow' factor.

British-made Tudor's hanging tiles offer a natural variation of tone and texture and mellow colours that suit the English built environment. Sustainable, durable, with weather protection and insulation benefits, Tudor's tiles clay roof tiles exceed modern building regulations.

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