

# 1880 Cottage Company Ltd

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A small company is making big things happen in the housing industry. 1880 Cottage Company Ltd., based at Greytown in the Wairarapa, has successfully designed and engineered homes that can be transported or moved several times without suffering structural or even cosmetic damage. Their homes have been delivered to numerous sites on the lower North Island. Now, in addition to their transportable factory-built cottages, 1880 is offering kitset packages delivered anywhere in New Zealand.

The 1880 Cottage Company has distinguished itself with a focus on heritage or colonial design concepts. The carefully crafted designs boast space savings features using a small footprint of land. Each cottage delivers maximum use of the floor space while providing ample room for the intended number of occupants.

The current range includes homes from 1-4 bedrooms that vary in size from 34-133 square meters. The product is perfect for infill housing where larger units cannot be placed without major disruption to adjoining properties. However, all cottages fit comfortably and visually into any surrounding because the timeless design elements have been used throughout New Zealand cities and towns for over 125 years.

The concept of colonial cottages is derived from the trial-and-error efforts our forbearers who developed and taught us what works in New Zealand. These lessons promote good roof pitches, sturdy materials, and simplicity of construction as essential to a building's success. Now partnered with modern conveniences, space saving design, and thermal efficiency, they offer a superior home for today's market.

The 1880 homes are structurally superior with locally produced plywood used as bracing, flooring and exterior cladding. Weather tightness is achieved without the use of fibre cement products resulting from time-tested building techniques using locally produced renewable timber, wool insulation, colour steel roofing, and double glazed windows. Maximum energy efficiency is a priority focus that 1880 designers use when translating colonial concepts for modern applications.