

# MURASAKI shou sugi ban Exterior Siding Contrasts Colorful Window Accents on Modern Los Angeles Residence

*Hughes Umbanhowar Architects create a modern home with reSAWN'sshou sugi ban siding, colorful window frames, and a minimalist backyard/pool area.*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Los Angeles residence](#) brings together themes of modern architecture with atypical shapes and color accents. reSAWN TIMBER co.'s MURASAKI shou sugi ban adds a naturalism to the aesthetic with neutral tones, an exposed wood grain, and an embodiment of the project's goals as a sustainable material that respects tradition but includes a contemporary design.

When considering the scope of the house, it becomes clear that the primary inspiration is a juxtaposition of traditional and abstract designs. The bright colored window frames would be less striking and noticeable without the natural simplicity of the charred wood siding. Similarly, the sharp angles and assortment of shapes would be odd rather than compelling without a facade that brings to mind a classic home front.

Resembling an art exhibition more than a home at times, the residence ensures the importance of functional design by placing emphasis on the fluidity between different rooms and areas. For example, the poolside den mixes an indoor and outdoor space with couches and a TV that are connected to whatever activities are happening by the pool. The harmony between opposing features likely stems from hughesumbanhowar architects' dedication to place equal importance on both form and function. The



house is an ode to the firm's philosophy to be "Guided by curiosity and intelligence.."

MURASAKI shou sugi ban, from reSAWN's award-winning [CHARRED collection](#), pays homage to the traditional Japanese technique of "shou-sugi-ban" without being literal. Historically very specific in their definition, shou sugi ban has become common nomenclature for any modern charred wood design. While reSAWN's CHARRED collection began with designs on Southern U.S. Cypress, they have expanded their product line to include Western Red Cedar, Accoya Wood, White Oak, and Ash. reSAWN manufactures the entirety of their CHARRED products in their facility in Telford, PA, and they are committed to providing sustainably harvest wood as a certified FSC chain of custody manufacturer.

Widely used as an exterior building material in the Southeastern U.S., Southern U.S. Cypress is not frequently specified on projects in the Western U.S. The inclusion of Southern U.S. Cypress exterior siding on this Los Angeles home is proof of the species' growing popularity as a high performing, aesthetically pleasing material. It is a readily available softwood that primarily grows in damp

swamplands. reSAWN offers two grades--#2 Common and Select--and it's felt the higher the grade the better the wood will perform. reSAWN recommends Select Grade for exterior applications.

hughesumbanhowar architects is an architectural firm with studios in South Florida and Los Angeles. They create buildings, objects and projects for discriminating and engaged clients. The work they do is a reflection of their interest in craft, form and building technology in response to the contemporary condition. Guided by curiosity and intelligence, they excel in translating materials and state-of-the-art technology into practical, unique and solution oriented projects to the benefit of clients and the broader community.

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