Housing Styles Quick Reference Guide

A-frame
Number of Stories: 1 to 2 1/2
Shape of House: **Vertical, A-shaped**
Symmetrical: Yes
Roof Style: Gable
Roof Pitch: **Very steep**
Cladding: Wood, Shingles
Windows: Picture
Ornate: No
Special Features: *Extension of roofline covers front and back porches*

American Foursquare
Number of Stories: 2 to 2 1/2
Shape of House: **Boxy**
Symmetrical: Yes
Roof Style: Hip
Roof Pitch: Low
Cladding: Stucco, Wood, Brick
Windows: **Symmetrical casement windows**
Ornate: No
Special Features: *Large, centered dormer*
Courtyard or Porch Entry: **Wide porch across front**

Art Deco
Number of Stories: 2 to 2 1/2
Shape of House: **Vertical, Rectangular**
Symmetrical: Yes
Roof Style: Flat
Roof Pitch: Flat
Cladding: **Smooth stucco**
Windows: Square, Rectangular
Ornate: No
Special Features: *Zigzags, Chevrons, Glass blocks*

Art Moderne
Number of Stories: 1 to 1 1/2
Shape of House: Square with **rounded corners**
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Flat
Roof Pitch: **Flat, no overhang**
Cladding: **Smooth stucco**
Windows: **Evenly spaced casement windows**
Ornate: No
Special Features: Glass blocks, plastics, metals
Bungalow, California
Number of Stories: 1 to 1 1/2
Shape of House: Boxy
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Gable, Hip
Roof Pitch: Very low
Cladding: Wood, Brick, Stone
Windows: Square, Rectangular
Ornate: No
Special Features: None
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Wide porch across front

Bungalow, Craftsman
Number of Stories: 1 to 1 1/2
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Gable, Hip
Roof Pitch: Very low
Cladding: Wood, Brick, Stone
Windows: Ribbon
Ornate: No
Special Features: Exposed rafters
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Trapezoid porch supports

Cape Cod
Number of Stories: 1 to 1 1/2
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: Yes
Roof Style: Gable, Cross-gable
Roof Pitch: Very steep
Cladding: Stucco, Wood
Windows: Multi-paned
Ornate: No
Special Features: Shutters

Colonial – Dutch
Number of Stories: 1 1/2 to 2 1/2
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: Yes
Roof Style: Gambrel
Roof Pitch: Moderate
Cladding: Wood, Brick
Windows: Square, Rectangular
Ornate: No
Special Features: Dutch door
**Colonial – Georgian**

Number of Stories: 2 to 2 1/2  
Shape of House: Rectangular  
Symmetrical: Yes  
Roof Style: Gable, Hip  
Roof Pitch: Moderate  
Cladding: Wood, Brick  
Windows: **5 Ranked**  
Ornate: No  
Special Features: **Paired chimneys**

**Colonial – Revival**

Number of Stories: 2  
Shape of House: Rectangular  
Symmetrical: Yes  
Roof Style: Gable, Hip  
Roof Pitch: Moderate  
Cladding: Wood, Brick  
Windows: Square, Rectangular  
Ornate: No  
Special Features: **Shutters**

**Contemporary**

Number of Stories: 1 to Multiple  
Shape of House: **Mixture of shapes**  
Symmetrical: No  
Roof Style: Flat, Shed  
Roof Pitch: Flat, Very low  
Cladding: Stucco, Concrete, Wood, Brick  
Windows: **Triangle or Trapezoid**  
Ornate: No  
Special Features: **Simple, clean lines**

**English Cottage**

Number of Stories: 1 to 1 1/2  
Shape of House: Boxy  
Symmetrical: No  
Roof Style: Gable  
Roof Pitch: **Uneven, Sloping**  
Cladding: Stucco  
Windows: Diamond-paned  
Ornate: No  
Special Features: **Rustic, thatch-roof look**  
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Arched entry with low door
**French Normandy**

Number of Stories:  2 to 2 1/2  
Shape of House:  Rectangular  
Symmetrical:  No  
Roof Style:  Hip  
Roof Pitch:  Very steep  
Cladding:  Stucco, Brick, Stone  
Windows:  Square, Rectangular  
Ornate:  No  
Special Features:  **Round stone tower with cone-shaped roof**  
Courtyard or Porch Entry:  Sometimes tower is entrance

**French Provincial**

Number of Stories:  2 to 2 1/2  
Shape of House:  Rectangular  
Symmetrical:  Yes  
Roof Style:  Hip  
Roof Pitch:  **Very steep, no overhang**  
Cladding:  White stucco or brick  
Windows:  French windows  
Ornate:  No  
Special Features:  Balcony, Porch balustrades

**International**

Number of Stories:  Multiple  
Shape of House:  Boxy  
Symmetrical:  No  
Roof Style:  Flat  
Roof Pitch:  Flat, No Overhang  
Cladding:  Stucco, Concrete, Steel  
Windows:  **Floor to ceiling “window walls”**  
Ornate:  No  
Special Features:  Avant-garde, sleek lines

**Mediterranean**

Number of Stories:  1 to 2  
Shape of House:  Multiple Rectangles  
Symmetrical:  No  
Roof Style:  Gable, Hip, Red tile  
Roof Pitch:  Low to moderate, slight overhang  
Cladding:  Light-colored stucco  
Windows:  Arched, Palladian  
Ornate:  Moderate  
Special Features:  Decorative tiles, Wrought iron  
Courtyard or Porch Entry:  Arched doorways, Courtyard entrance
Mission
Number of Stories: 1 to 2
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Flat, Red tile
Roof Pitch: Flat
Cladding: Adobe, Smooth stucco
Windows: Arched, Quatrefoil
Ornate: Yes
Special Features: Parapets, Bell tower
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Arcade of arches

Monterey
Number of Stories: 2
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: Yes
Roof Style: Gable, Red tile
Roof Pitch: Low
Cladding: Adobe, Stucco
Windows: Narrow, Paired
Ornate: No
Special Features: Second-story balcony
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Courtyard, Wrought iron trim and fencing

Prairie Style
Number of Stories: 1 to 1 1/2
Shape of House: Horizontal, Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Hip
Roof Pitch: Very low
Cladding: Stucco, Wood, Brick;
Windows: Rows of small, high windows
Ornate: No
Special Features: Large overhanging eves
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Trapezoid porch supports

Pueblo/Santa Fe
Number of Stories: 1
Shape of House: Rectangular with rounded corners
Symmetrical: Often
Roof Style: Flat, Red tile
Roof Pitch: Flat
Cladding: Adobe, Stucco
Windows: Small-paned, Palladian
Ornate: No
Special Features: Vigas
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Low adobe wall encloses courtyard
Ranch
Number of Stories: 1
Shape of House: Horizontal, L-shaped, Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Gable, Hip
Roof Pitch: Very low
Cladding: Stucco, Wood, Brick
Windows: Picture
Ornate: No
Special Features: Attached garage
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Extension of roofline covers small front porch

Shed
Number of Stories: 2
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Shed
Roof Pitch: Moderate
Cladding: Stucco, Wood
Windows: Small
Ornate: No
Special Features: Multiple roofs sloping in different directions
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Recessed doorway

Spanish Revival
Number of Stories: 1
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Gable, Red tile
Roof Pitch: Low; Stucco
Cladding: Arched
Windows: No
Ornate: Decorative tiles around doors and windows
Special Features: Arched entryway

Tudor Revival
Number of Stories: Multiple
Shape of House: Rectangular
Symmetrical: No
Roof Style: Cross gable with dormers
Roof Pitch: Very steep
Cladding: Half-timbering, Patterned brick walls
Windows: Diamond-paned
Ornate: Yes
Special Features: Prominent chimney
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Arched entryway
**Victorian - 2nd Empire**

Number of Stories: Multiple  
Shape of House: Boxy  
Symmetrical: Yes  
Roof Style: **Mansard**  
Roof Pitch: **Very steep sides with flat top**  
Cladding: Stucco, Wood, Brick  
Windows: Tall and narrow  
Ornate: Yes  
Special Features: **Wrought iron on rooftop**  
Courtyard or Porch Entry: **Paired columns**

**Victorian - Folk**

Number of Stories: 1 to 2 1/2  
Shape of House: **L-shaped**  
Symmetrical: No  
Roof Style: Cross-gable  
Roof Pitch: Steep  
Cladding: Wood  
Windows: **Bay**  
Ornate: Moderate  
Special Features: **Shutters, Spindles, Jigsaw cut trim**  
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Distinctive porch

**Victorian - Queen Anne**

Number of Stories: Multiple  
Shape of House: Complicated  
Symmetrical: No  
Roof Style: Gable, Hip  
Roof Pitch: Very steep  
Cladding: **Shingles**  
Windows: Narrow, Vertical, Circular, Bay  
Ornate: **Very**  
Special Features: **Gingerbread scrollwork**  
Courtyard or Porch Entry: Wide, wraparound porch