

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 eaves
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