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Architectural Details for Residential Buildings
Roof Type/Form

- Front-facing gable
- Cross-gable
- Side-facing gable
Roof Type/Form

- Pyramidal
- Hipped
- Cross-hipped
Roof Type/Form

Flat

Shed
Roof Type/Form

Hipped gable a.k.a. clipped gable, hip-on-gable, or jerkinhead

Pent
Roof Type/Form

Dormers

Gable

Hipped

Shed

Eyebrow
Roof Details: Eaves

No/minimal overhang

Deep overhang

Medium overhang
Roof Materials

**Wood shingles**: Thin wedges (sawed or rough-split) of wood laid in overlapping rows to create impervious surface

**Tile**: Shaped, interlocking units historically of baked clay, also replicated in concrete and other materials

**Composition shingles**: Shingles created by infusing felt paper or cloth with petroleum-based bitumin (i.e. tar, asphalt); dominant roofing material in 20th century American houses

**Metal**: A variety of metals (iron, steel, copper, tin) fabricated as large sheets with raised or flat seams, corrugated, or shingles
Chimneys

Material may be brick, stone, or stucco

Corbelled cap
Window Operation

Sash: Opens vertically

Casement: Opens horizontally
Window Operation

Fixed: does not open
Window Operation

Awning: Pivots up
Hopper: Pivots down

Jalousie or louver
Door Arrangement

- Single-door entrance
- Double-door entrance
- Sidelights
- Transom window
Porches

Inset partial-width porch

Inset full-width porch

Full-width hipped porch

Partial-width front-gabled porch
Porch Supports

Wood posts (plain on left, turned on right)

Fabricated metal
Porch Supports

Brick piers

Box columns
Porch Supports

Tapered box columns

Tapered box columns on piers
Porch Supports

Classical column (simple)

Classical column (Doric on left, Ionic on right)
Porch Supports

Doric capital

Ionic capital

Corinthian capital
Other Details

Bracket

Jigsawn trim

Spindlework
Wall Materials

- Masonry
- Wood
- Asbestos
- Metal
Wall Materials: Masonry

Load-bearing stone
Stone veneer
Wall Materials: Masonry

Cast stone
Wall Materials: Wood

- Siding
- Plywood
- Board-and-batten
- Logs
Wall Materials: Wood

- Plywood
Wall Materials: Wood

Siding

Board-and-batten
Wall Materials: Wood
Wall Materials: Composite

- Asbestos shingles
- Asphalt shingles
- Metal
- Fiber cement
Wall Materials: Asbestos
Wall Materials: Vinyl Siding
Architectural Details
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