

# Architectural Terms & Definitions

HOME • EXTERIORS

## GABLED ROOF



A PITCHED ROOF WITH TWO SLOPING SIDES FORMING A TRIANGLE, (CRAFTSMAN, TUDOR, AND FARMHOUSE STYLES).

## LOW-PITCHED ROOF



A ROOF THAT'S NOT VERY STEEP—CLOSER TO FLAT. FOUND IN CRAFTSMAN AND RANCH HOMES.

## STEEP PITCHED ROOF



A SHARPLY ANGLED ROOF, WATER RUNS OFF EASILY, GREAT FOR SNOWY CLIMATES (TUDOR, CAPE COD).

## VERTICAL SIDING



BOARDS THAT RUN VERTICALLY INSTEAD OF HORIZONTALLY, GIVING A MODERN OR FARMHOUSE LOOK.

## STUCCO WALLS



A TEXTURED PLASTER FINISH USED ON EXTERIOR WALLS—ESPECIALLY POPULAR IN MEDITERRANEAN HOMES.

## EXPOSED RAFTERS



VISIBLE ROOF BEAMS UNDER THE OVERHANG CREATE A HANDCRAFTED CRAFTSMAN STYLE.

## ASYMMETRICAL LAYOUT



A LAYOUT THAT'S PURPOSELY NOT MIRRORED—ADDS VISUAL INTEREST (VICTORIAN, SPLIT-LEVEL, CONTEMPORARY).

## SYMMETRICAL FACADE



THE HOUSE FEATURES A SYMMETRICAL FRONT WITH BALANCED WINDOWS AND LAYOUT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE (COLONIAL, CAPE COD)

## CLAPBOARD SIDING



LONG, NARROW WOODEN BOARDS OVERLAPPING HORIZONTALLY ON EXTERIOR WALLS, TYPICAL OF COLONIAL AND CAPE COD HOMES.

## DORMERS



CHARMING SMALL ROOFED STRUCTURES WITH WINDOWS THAT EXTEND FROM PITCHED ROOFS, ADDING ATTIC SPACE (CAPE COD).

## STAGGERED LEVELS



A FLOOR PLAN WHERE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE HOUSE ARE ON DIFFERENT LEVELS—LIKE IN A SPLIT-LEVEL HOME.

## HALF-TIMBER FRAMING



VISIBLE WOODEN FRAMEWORK WITH PLASTER OR BRICK BETWEEN THE TIMBERS—CLASSIC TUDOR STYLE.