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If you're looking to build a custom home, you may be overwhelmed by the number of options when it comes to exterior styles. Ahead, we share insight on some of the most popular exterior home styles so you can get a better understanding of which choice will work best for your new home.



MODERN/CONTEMPORARY

Modern and Contemporary homes are notable for their clean lines and emphasis on space. So-called mid-century modern homes have been popular since the 1950s, and contemporary homes tend to follow similar principles while incorporating more forward-thinking additions such as energy-efficient design motifs and sustainable materials. Homes built in modern and contemporary styles also typically blend indoor and outdoor spaces and emphasize natural light throughout the rooms.



FARMHOUSE

Farmhouses, naturally, are based on designs that were usually seen in rural farming areas. Simplicity, functionality, and rustic materials and finishes are common features of the farmhouse style. You'll notice that some farmhouse designs share some features with other styles such as Colonial or Victorian. This is because the original agrarian designs were based on other aesthetics but with necessary functional elements such as shaded porches added.



TRADITIONAL

Traditional home styles are comprised of architectural designs that go back for centuries, as far back as the beginnings of the modern concept of a home itself. This category includes styles such as Colonial and Cape Cod. There are many different Colonial sub-genres, but most of them share an adherence to formal design principles, and preference for symmetry, and roots in the classical structures of the Ancient world. The Cape Cod style is adapted from cottage styles that British immigrants brought with them to the new world. Large chimneys and prominent windows are also common features.

EUROPEAN

Many European-influenced designs favor aesthetics over functionality. Within the European banner, there are sub-genres that are as different as the countries from which they originated. You can choose French Provincial, which is reminiscent of French country homes and features romantic embellishments. Italianate homes evoke stately Italian villas, and include ornamentation around the windows, doors, and porches. And, Victorian architecture is identified with decorative trim and multi-tiered roofing.



No matter exterior design style you choose for your custom home, it's important to work with builders who will guide you through the process and pay attention to the details. At Ridgeline Construction Group, we work with our clients from conception to completion to ensure that you have a home that doesn't just look good, but that is built to last. [Contact us](#) today to learn more about our process of building custom luxury homes that are designed to the last detail.