ARCHITECTURAL STYLES & TYPES

Our architectural heritage is largely derived from European and early American architecture. Nevertheless, specific architectural styles have developed through the years as a result of technological advances and the demands of our culture. These factors provide a historical background that influences the design of today’s homes.

The Cape Colonial
Two very popular home styles developed over 200 years ago are the Cape Cod and the Cape Ann. The Cape Cod

Characteristics:

- One of the earliest and best known of the traditional Colonial styles
- Originated as a fairly small house with steep roof and little overhang
- A central chimney
- Normally built as a one or a one and one-half story
- Eaves line is always near the top of the window
- Gable roof
- Narrow trim lined siding
- Shutters generally used on all windows
The Cape Ann
Characteristics:
- Central chimney, usually larger than Cape Cod
- Tapering Gambrel roof encloses an attic that is often converted into extra rooms
- House with simple lines
- Sound construction
- A feel of colonial atmosphere

The Garrison
An attractive house that includes a number of special features in a modern presentation.
Characteristics:
- Overhanging second story
- Separate corner posts on each floor
- Short straight lines
- Extra space at the second level
- Steep pitched roof
- Narrow siding
**The Salt Box**  
An interesting and easily recognizable Colonial.  
**Characteristics:**
- Long low roofline at the rear of the house, sloping gently from ridge to eaves
- Gets its name from the shape of coffee, tea, cracker, and salt boxes found in Colonial Stores

**The Southern Colonial**  
One of the most gracious of all the Colonials.  
**Characteristics:**
- Style reflects the warmth, quaintness, elegance, traditional charm and hospitality of the old south
- Outstanding features are the front colonnade and giant portico
- Massive homes with upper and lower balconies
- Three story chimneys
- Ornate woodwork
- Iron trim
Contemporary Structures
The result of years of architectural planning, design, and evolution.

Characteristics:
- Well planned
- Lack of imagination or design balance
- Can have a lack for exterior styling

The Ranch Design
A prominent modern architectural home style.

Characteristics:
- Long, low, one-story house
- Low-pitched roof with gables and overhanging eaves
- Usually have a one or two stall attached garage
- New design concepts have added to this style
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