

## Style Guide for Dummies



# Eclectic Homes

- Colonial Revival
- Neoclassical
- Chateausque

*Eclectic architecture combines a wide array of decorative techniques taken from an assortment of different historical house styles. It is a rejection of the simple and unadorned modernist styles*

- Cube-shaped
- Balanced, symmetrical façade
- Segmental pediments
- Roof topped with balustrade
- Wide eaves with large brackets
- Low-pitched hip or Mansard roof
- Horizontal stone banding between floors
- Smooth stone walls, with a smooth stucco finish
- Ornately carved stone window trim varying in design at each story
- Smaller square windows on top floor
- Quoins (large stone blocks at the corners)



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## Colonial Revival

Colonial Revival became a popular American house style after it appeared at the 1876 US Centennial Exposition. Reflecting American patriotism and a desire for simplicity, the Colonial Revival house style remained popular until the mid-1950's. Between World War I and II, Colonial Revival was the most popular historic revival house style in the United States.



- Symmetrical façade
- Rectangular
- 2 to 3 stories
- Brick or wood siding
- Dormers
- Simple, classical detailing
- Paneled doors
- Gable roof, pillars and columns
- Multi-pane, double-hung windows with shutters
- Temple-like entrance: porticos topped by pediment
- Center entry-hall floor plan
- Living areas on the first floor and bedrooms on the upper floors

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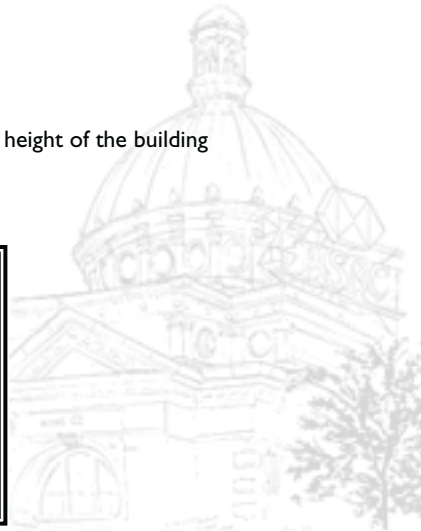


## Neoclassical



*Neoclassical, or "new" classical architecture describes buildings that are inspired by the classical architecture of ancient Greece and Rome.*

- Symmetrical shape
- Tall columns that rise the full height of the building
- Triangular pediment
- Domed roof



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## Chateausque

*Highly ornate houses based on french chateaus of the sixteenth century, popularized by architect Richard Morris Hunt*



The Chateausque home style is described as formal and high fashion because of its decorative qualities, both inside and out. The house is constructed with a large sweeping roof that is hipped and steeply pitched. A cut stone exterior gives the Chateausque home an air of elegance.



- Heavily ornamented
- Formal and classic
- Steeply pitched mansard roof, often with a railing
- Elaborate dormers
- Tall chimneys and spires