

Style Guide for Dummies



Victorian Homes

1860-1900

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The Victorian era dates from the time when Queen Victoria ruled Britain (1840 to 1904). During this time, industrialization brought many innovations in architecture.

Victorian style homes will have many of these features:

- Asymmetrical facade
- Steeply pitched, irregular shape roof, usually with a front-facing gable
- Textured shingles to avoid smooth-walled appearance
- Partial or full-width asymmetrical porch,
 - usually one story high and extended along one or both side walls

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Queen Anne



A whimsical style of architecture that reached its zenith in the late nineteenth century, characterized by playful detail and a host of ornaments.

Of all the Victorian house styles, Queen Anne is the most elaborate and the most eccentric. The style is often called romantic and feminine, yet it is the product of a most unromantic era -- the machine age.

Queen Anne became an architectural fashion in the 1880s and 1890s, when the industrial revolution was building up steam. North America was caught up in the excitement of new technologies. Factory-made, precut architectural parts were shuttled across the country on a rapidly expanding train network. Exuberant builders combined these pieces to create innovative, and sometimes excessive, homes.





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Massive type of architecture inspired by broad arches of ancient Rome; associated with H.H. Richardson, Chicago Architect, of the late nineteenth century.



Architect Henry Hobson Richardson is often credited with popularizing romantic buildings. Constructed of stone, Romanesque resemble small castles. Romanesque was used more often for large public buildings, but some private homes were also built in the imposing Romanesque style.