

Characteristics of Craftsman Homes

Craftsman homes bring colour, warmth and texture to any street.

They are characterized by simple forms, steep roofs, front porches, bright colours, use of local materials and, most important, hand-crafted exterior detailing. Picturesque roofscapes and formal elements such as bay windows, dormers and articulated chimneys add visual interest and variety.

Like Capital Modern, the simple asymmetric form of Craftsman homes allows them to adapt to the site as well as the functional needs of today's homeowners.

Craftsman homes are often "grounded" on a tapered base of stone or shingles to give the appearance that the home "grew" out of the land.

As developers, we are inspired by Craftsman's emphasis on quality. That, and the use of natural materials, makes these homes an appropriate fit for Larch Park.

Craftsman Guidelines

Craftsman homes will be reviewed for: picturesque but simple massing, richness of material & colour, and detailing that displays a high degree of craft.

Massing and Roof Form

- strong front facing gable, 8:12 to 12:12 roof slope.
- 1 1/2 storey roof form.
- deep overhanging eaves, minimum 18".
- a balanced, well crafted element at the eaves or high up the gable, such as roof brackets or exposed rafters
- smaller homes, less than 35' wide shall generally have only one prominent gable or roof form.



Roof brackets

Base

All craftsman homes shall include a visually strong base. Tapered forms are encouraged.

- top at least 30" above grade
- bottom to be within 2" of grade and follow any slopes
- clad in stone, wood shingles or stucco.

Front Porches

Craftsman styled homes shall have a front porch, either full or partial width, with

- natural stains ; —
- square tapered columns with pedestals that extend to the grade level;
- a front door with a hand-crafted appearance; and,
- creative detailing at the eaveline.

A highly crafted entry portico will be considered where space does not permit a front porch.

Windows

- 2-over-1, 3-over-1, 4-over-1 or 6-over-1 windows,
- often in grouped to create larger openings and character
- minimum 4" trim

Siding Colours and Materials

- dark or rich coloured acrylic stucco with either finish shown below
- wood shingles with maximum 6" exposure
- horizontal wood or cementitious siding with minimum 4" corner boards



Welcoming porch with creative roof form to highlight the entry

Roof Colours and Materials

- laminated double layer asphalt shingles: black, brown, red or green
- wood shingles
- standing seam metal with a colour appropriate to the main body of the house.



We highly recommend you also take a look at the [Capital Modern Style PDF](#) for inspiration.