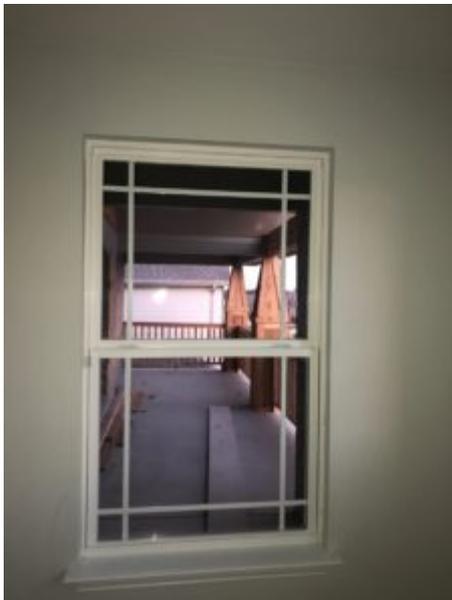


Windows 101



Lets have a quick chat about windows! This sounds like an easy subject right? I quickly learned there are lots of choices when it comes to picking your windows for a home. I'm gonna try to cliff notes version it for you.



First let's go with style of window:

Here's the top 5:

1) Sliding Window: Gliding along a track, sliding windows have at least one operating window that slides horizontally over or

past the other window. They are most often used in modern- or contemporary-style houses. Photo courtesy of Jeld Wen Windows and Doors



2) These hinged windows operate by a turn of a crank in an operating mechanism. They can be hinged on the left or the right to open outward. Photo courtesy of Marvin Windows



3) Generally, bay or bow windows give you more interior space, as they protrude out from the exterior of the siding of the house. They are a combination of windows often with a stationary window in the middle flanked by either double-hung windows or casements.



4) Stationary and Picture windows. These windows do not open, but they can be customized in nearly any angle or shape you desire. They are often found in modern- or contemporary-style houses in conjunction with operating windows.



5) A narrow window that can be either operating to let in air or non-operating (stationary) and mounted above a door or window to let in more light. This is the window above the single hung window. On a single-hung window, only the bottom part of the window operates while the top part remains stationary. A double hung window is a type of window that has two sashes that slide vertically up and down in the frame. They can open wide from either the top or the bottom, but they remain inside the frame so they don't protrude out to the exterior or interior of the house.



Okay next topic is choosing a window grid. We chose Prairie so lets talk about this first . As you can see from above the Prairie windows embrace the belief that a building should appear to grow organically from its site. It uses long horizontal bands of windows and trim to evoke the prairie landscape. For us, even tho these were not craftsman style, we loved the lines and elongated feel when looking at these windows. It added a perfect simplistic touch to the windows.

PRAIRIE



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These Craftsman-style homes sport a mix of full-pane windows

on the bottom accented with divided panes on the top of their double-hung window. The divided lights are generally elongated, meaning they might have just three long panes on the upper sash and no cross pieces.



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Typically, these types of homes simply have divided light, double-hung windows with six individual panes of glass separated by muntins in both the top and bottom panels of the windows.



TUDOR

With their brick, stucco and exposed timber accents, many of these homes had diamond-pattern grids on their windows to add an Old World, European look



Happy Window Hunting! To see where I found the photos of the windows not in my home and for more ideas on window styles and grids you can always visit: www.hgtv.com