

Turn of the Century Styles Craftsman



The Craftsman movement, named after a magazine published by Gustav Stickley, was the American counterpart of the English Arts and Crafts Movement. In part a reaction against the excesses, both aesthetic and otherwise, of the Victorian era, Craftsman architecture stressed the importance of simplicity, of adapting form to function, and of relating the building to both its designer through the incorporation of craftsmanship, and to the surrounding landscape through its ground-hugging, massing and siting.

In Southern California the Craftsman bungalow reached its greatest potential, both in terms of the quality of individual homes and the number of bungalows built. It was usually characterized by a rustic aesthetic of shallowly pitched overhanging gable roofs; earth-colored wood siding; spacious, often L-shaped porches; windows, both casement and double-hung sash, grouped in threes and fours; extensive use of natural wood for the front doors and throughout the interior; and exposed structural elements such as beams, rafters, braces, and joints. Cobblestone or brick was favored for chimneys, porch supports, and foundations.



The height of Craftsman design was the decade between 1906 and 1916; after that the Craftsman style was simplified, often reduced to signature elements such as an offset front gable roof, tapered porch piers, and extended lintels over door and window openings. The Craftsman style incorporated distinctive elements from other architectural styles, resulting in numerous variations.

Craftsman - *Common character defining features*

Windows (pg. 53)

- Three-over-one, One-over-one
- Leaded glass
- Rectangular tops
- Arranged in bands or singularly

Porches/Balconies (pg. 62)

- Relatively restrained
- Small or large in size
- Square or battered columns

Doorways (pg. 58)

- Single
- Large pane glazing
- Rectangular



Roofs (pg. 66)

- Hipped
- Low-pitched
- Gables
- Dormers
- Oversized eaves with exposed decorative rafters

Building Materials (pg. 74)

- Clapboard
- Shingle
- Stone
- Brick
- Clinker Brick