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COMMON EXTERIORS AND ROOF TYPES

Read the description of each of the exterior covering materials below. Make a sketch of the exterior finish and then answer the questions.

WOOD

Wood is still used today in exterior finishes. Wood can be placed vertically or horizontally. Color can vary greatly with wood. It can be painted or left in its natural color, if treated. Wood prices have been driven up and so it is not being used as much now as it was in the past. Wood requires much maintenance.

What is one advantage and one disadvantage of wood?

SIDING

Manufacturers have produced siding that looks like wood but is more durable and weather resistant. Siding comes in many colors and styles.

Why might a person choose aluminum, steel, or vinyl siding instead of wood?

BRICK

Brick is a very common exterior building material in many parts of the United States today. Brick comes in many colors and sizes. It may be laid in regular rows or decorative patterns. Brick is very durable and is both fireproof and weather proof, but is very expensive. It requires little or no upkeep.

What is one advantage and one disadvantage of brick?

STEEL AND GLASS

Steel and glass are used on more modern buildings. The glass is specially produced to withstand the pressure of being placed on the exterior of a building.

Explain some of the challenges of maintaining this type of exterior:

STONE

Stones vary in size and colors. Because of this each house has a unique appearance. Stones are sometimes used only as accents because they are so costly. Stone requires little or no maintenance.

What types of appearance do stones create on the exterior of a home?

STUCCO

Stucco is a cement mixture spread over a wall. Stucco can be applied in a variety of patterns. It may be painted or left natural. The plaster can also be tinted. Stucco is fairly inexpensive. If painted, stucco will need repainting periodically.

What styles of homes are most often stucco?

Find pictures of the following roof types and trace them:

1. Gable
2. A-frame
3. Hip
4. Shed
5. Mansard
6. Gambrel
7. Salt Box
8. Flat