

ENGLISH FOR GTU



How many times have you tried to describe a building to someone and ended up saying, "And it has one of those curly thingamajigs under the eave"?

This is a reading is designed to give architectural empowerment and increases your comfort using building vocabulary.

Foundations

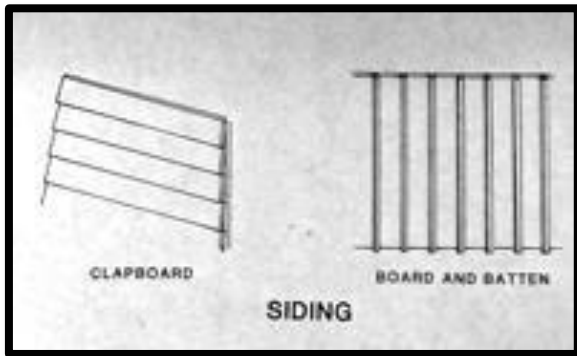


A *foundation* is dug and implies a basement. It lifts the first floor of the house off ground level. A *water table* sits at ground level and deflects water away from the building.

Exterior Materials

Wood siding

Many houses at the turn of the last century were covered with wood siding, now often made of other materials. Siding is applied in two ways - Clapboard and board and batten:



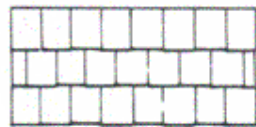
Stucco

Stucco is another very popular material in Oak Park and Hyde Park at the turn of the last century. Modern stucco is a combination of sand, Portland cement, lime, and water.

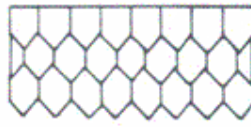


Shingles

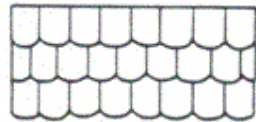
Shingles are usually wood, but now often vinyl or other materials, add detail.



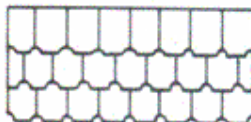
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