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HOUSE & SHUTTER PAIRING GUIDE

Find the perfect shutter style for the architecture of your home

GET STARTED!

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BEGIN?

In this guide, we'll offer traditional pairings for a variety of architectural styles typically used for homes in the US. Remember, this is only a starting point!

You may discover that you prefer a shutter style that is not traditionally installed on homes that look like yours, and that's okay! What really matters is that you choose something you love. This is simply a place to start. Once you've found the shutters you like best, they can be modified to showcase your own unique style.

Start by browsing Shutter Styles OR Architectural Styles. Which would you like to view first?

BROWSE SHUTTER STYLES

View our selection of shutter styles to get familiar with some options. Best of all, every style can be customized to perfectly reflect you.

FIND MY SHUTTERS

BROWSE HOUSE STYLES

View a variety of architectural styles seen on homes in the US and the shutter styles that are typically chosen as complements to them.

FIND MY HOUSE

GET TO KNOW OUR 5 SHUTTER STYLES

Find a shutter style that speaks to you

Whether you love the classic look of panel shutters or the rustic charm of board and battens, Timberlane has a variety of shutter styles to choose from. And creating the perfect look doesn't end there! Every style can be customized to reflect your taste.

Panel Style Louver Style Board & Batten Style Bermuda Style Mission Style

PANEL STYLE

Nothing says tradition like a well-crafted panel shutter. A time-tested classic, the panel shutter remains our most popular style to this day.

View all house styles

LOUVER STYLE

A French style that is elegant on any exterior. Want to adjust your louvers for light and breeze? We have both fixed and operable options.

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BOARD & BATTEN STYLE

A rustic look that conveys charm and simplicity. Want a Z-brace, diagonal boards, or another specific feature? Let's talk!

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BERMUDA STYLE

Also known as Bahama shutters, this design offers shade and style. Choose your favorite frame, customize, and let the breeze blow in.

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MISSION STYLE

A modern yet classic aesthetic with traditional craftsmanship that truly embodies the allure of Craftsman Style design and architecture.

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FIND YOUR HOUSE STYLE

Match shutter style with house style

Certain styles of architecture are often matched with specific types of shutters. Use this handy guide as a primer on the architectural history of traditional home and shutter pairings. Get started by reviewing the drawings below to find **your** house style!

CAPE COD/ RANCH

COLONIAL

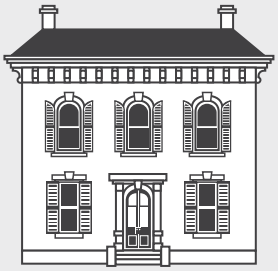
FEDERAL

FRENCH COUNTRY

GEORGIAN

GREEK REVIVAL

ITALIANATE



MEDITERRANEAN/SPANISH

VICTORIAN

CAN'T FIND YOUR HOUSE STYLE?

Not to worry! Our shutters work with many more homes than we could fit on one page. For help finding your home's traditional shutter pairing—or to customize your own look with one of our Shutter Experts—just get in touch and we'll be more than happy to assist. Email us today and we'll help you find the perfect shutter for your home and your style!

CAPE COD & RANCH

Board and Batten or other style of your choice!

Cape Cod and Ranch-style homes can be found all over the US, having seen a revival in the 1930s. They were built in great numbers because they provided housing that could easily be expanded for growing families. Each style was given its own regional flair, making way for the Colonial Ranch in the Northeast and "Rambler" homes on the West Coast. This is part of why their shutter pairings are so versatile. In fact, you can outfit your Cape Cod or Ranch with any of our shutter styles!

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BOARD & BATTEN

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COLONIAL

Panel on first floor, Louver on second floor

In the days of Virginia Co. and Jamestown, settlers built Colonial style houses with panel shutters on the bottom level for privacy and for protection from invaders and critters alike. They installed louver shutters on the second floor to allow sunlight and air into the house while still deflecting rain and dust. Although shutters generally aren't used for these purposes today, the look is still a popular look for Colonial style homes today, adding a classic, period-perfect touch to historic styles.

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FEDERAL

Raised or Recessed Panel on first floor, Louver on second floor

Federal style homes are two- or three-story rectangular homes that originated in the late 1700s. Inspired by the great temples of ancient Greece and Rome, Americans built homes that were similar to the Colonial, but larger and with more details like Palladian windows, dentilation, and trim. These features add to the subtle elegance of the stately Federal design. A mixture of raised or recessed panel shutters and louver shutters complements this style beautifully.

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FRENCH COUNTRY

Board and Batten or Flat Panel

French Country homes tend to have a square, symmetrical shape with windows on either side of the entrance and a steep, hipped roof. Rounded towers and entryways hidden beneath rustic arches are often included in the design. The open, breezy French Country style reflects the personality of the residents, focused on the ease of living and placing focus on function. Traditionally, these homes were outfitted with board & batten or flat panel shutters.

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GEORGIAN

Raised or Recessed Panel or Louver

Named for England's King George, this architectural style has a regal aesthetic. Georgians are known for having five windows across the top, double chimneys and perfect symmetry across the facade. This style reflects the British architectural influences on the original colonies. Louver, raised, and recessed panel shutters all complement and enhance the sturdy elegance of the Georgian style home.

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GREEK REVIVAL

Louver or Flat Panel

This style came to life in America with many of Philadelphia's public buildings. From 1830 to 1850, almost every new building had some elements of Greek Revival architecture. Residential buildings began to implement these style choices with porticoes, columns, and other Greek themes. The heavy, pronounced design elements are often paired with flat panel and louver shutters.

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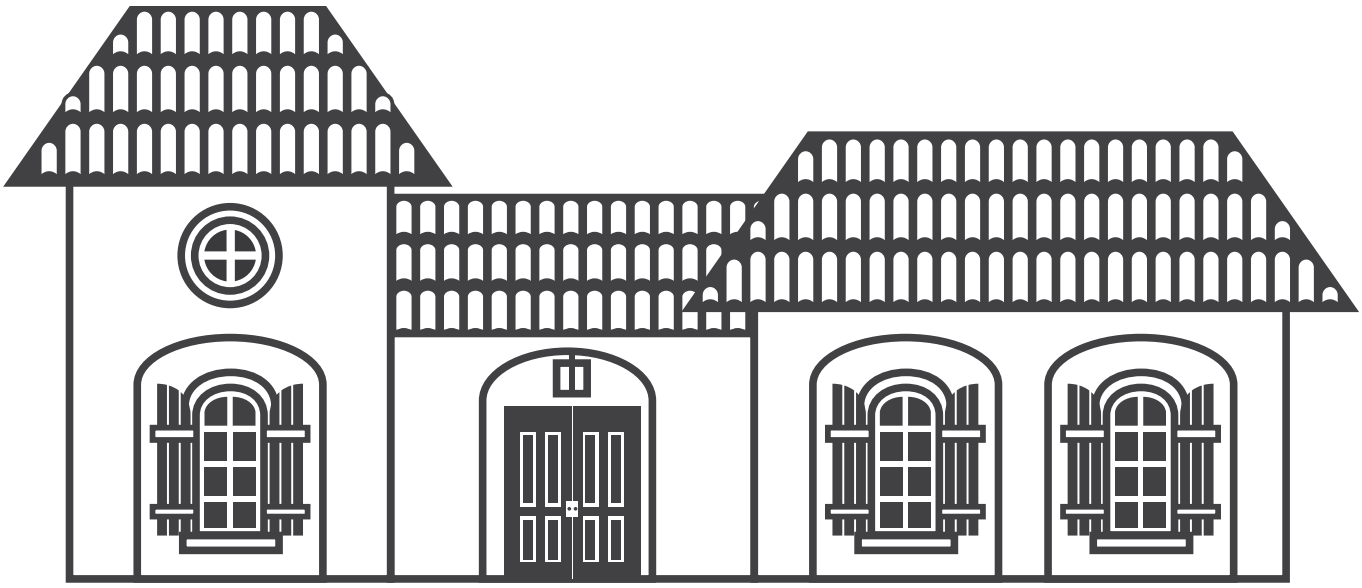
ITALIANATE

Board and Batten or Louver

Italianate was one of the most popular house styles of mid-1800s American architecture. Italianate homes ranged from modest two-story townhouses to ornate mansions, all inspired by the designs of Italian villas. Because of their heavy stone texture and arched windows, radius-top board and batten or louver shutters are a great match. The simplicity of these shutters offsets the large, ornate cornices, bringing a nice contrast to the design.



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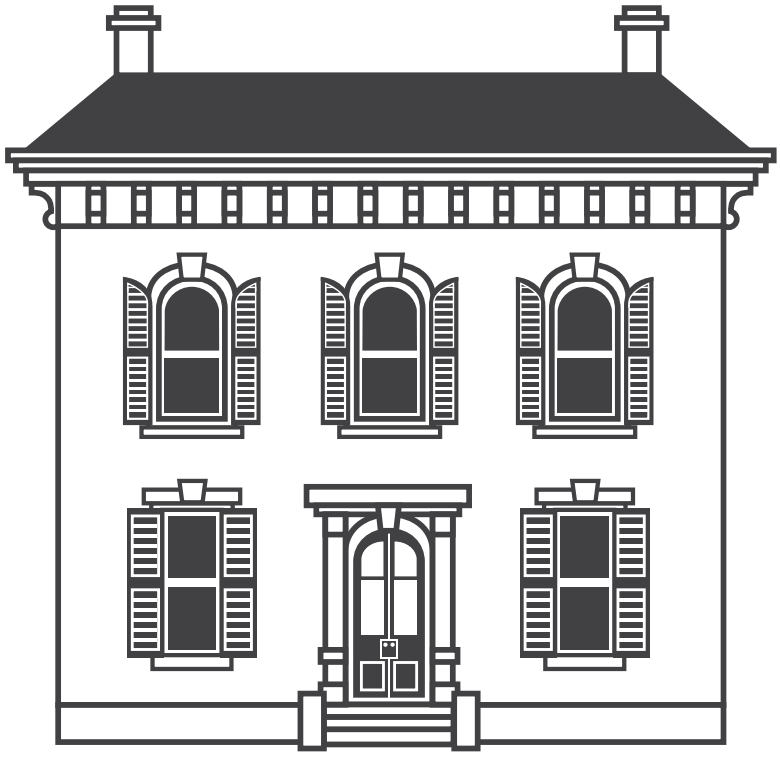
MEDITERRANEAN/SPANISH

Board & Batten or Louver

Spanish Colonial or Mediterranean architecture is marked by the use of stucco, clay tile roofing, and cast concrete ornaments. This style often features Spanish Baroque details, such as wrought-iron balconies or window grilles. Mediterranean-style architecture is mostly found in warmer climates, which makes louver shutters a great choice because they allow breezes into the home. Board and battens can also be built with decorative elements to keep the look of the rustic, charming southwest.



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VICTORIAN

Louver or Flat Panel

During the reign of Queen Victoria, many architectural styles in Britain and its colonies took on the ornate aesthetics of Victorian influence. Architects of the time decorated elaborately, using many features from other eras throughout their exterior designs. In America, variations of this architectural style can be found from coast to coast, though all are recognizably Victorian. In line with their extensive attention to detail, both flat panel and louver—or combination shutters with both panels and louvers—are an excellent fit for this style.

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READY TO GET STARTED?

Connect with a Timberlane Expert Today!

Now that you've got some basic pairing ideas, it's time to design. We have a team of Shutter Experts ready to help you get your shutter project underway.

Your personal consultant will advise you and help with selecting options for your shutters based on your unique needs and style. Timberlane makes it easy. Get started today!

Fall in Love with Your Home!

At Timberlane, we help you create a lifetime of extraordinary "Welcome Home" moments. It starts with our personalized, direct-to-you experience, and ends with a custom-built masterpiece that precisely fits both your windows and your own unique style. Your home exterior can truly reflect you, so why shouldn't it?

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