

Foursquare



Dutch Colonial

New house construction was fairly strong between 1900 and the 1920s, but declined with World War I, the Depression of the 1930s, and World War II. The Foursquare, called simply the "Square Style" by builders, was especially popular before 1930.



Period Revival styles were popular in the 1920s. The influence of eighteenth-century Dutch Colonial farmhouses and even the English Tudor country house can be seen in Hastings.

Right: In April 1921, the Graus Lumber Yard featured this Cape Cod house. The style remained popular after World War II (see page 16).

American Foursquare Style, 1900-1930

The Foursquare resembles boxy Classical Revival and Craftsman designs, but is usually simpler in appearance. Typical characteristics:

- Square plan.
- Hip roof; some variations have deep eaves and a horizontal emphasis.
- Narrow clapboard, shingle, or brick exterior and a concrete block foundation.
- One-over-one sash set in regularlyspaced windows.
- Porches with square columns.
- Original color schemes were typically earth-toned.

Period Revival Styles, 1920-1950

The Dutch Colonial house was especially popular in Hastings. Typical features of the style are a gambrel roof, and a prominent brick or stone end-wall chimney.

