

## All Sides of Siding

Whether you are seeking to upgrade your home with an eye toward selling, doing away with the chore of painting or simply want a change in color and definition, siding provides an excellent way to achieve all of these goals.

Siding is durable, cost-effective and comes in a variety of materials and surfaces besides the traditional vinyl siding that was once the dominant option. The home experts at HGTV highlighted a number of siding options that offer value, protection, textures and colors to beautify your home.

### VINYL SIDING

Popular for its price point, versatility and easy maintenance, vinyl siding's downside (a "plastic look") is offset by numerous choices in color and styles. Vinyl siding is also relatively easy to install and readily available at home-improvement stores, making it a candidate for a DIY project.

### WOOD SIDING

Richly textured, durable and attractive, wood siding is also more expensive and requires periodic maintenance to prevent weather damage and to repel insects and rodents. Wood siding can provide your home a look associated with bungalows and cottage homes that can last up to 100 years. Available



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### BRICK SIDING

If you seek the classic look found in colonial or Tudor exteriors that stands the test of time, brick siding is the choice. Made from fired clay, brick siding is usually a veneer attached with mortar and comes in a number of sizes and textures. It's also more

expensive and more expensive to install due to labor costs, but can last the life of a home.

### FIBER-CEMENT SIDING

Creating the illusion of a wood or brick exterior at a lower cost, fiber-cement siding is also a popular choice. It's also low-maintenance, non-flammable and termite resistant. Fiber-cement siding is durable, long-lasting and available in a variety of styles and textures, but is also vulnerable to moisture issues.

### STUCCO SIDING

Like brick siding, stucco's durability can be expected to last the life of a home when properly installed and maintained.

Comprised of sand, cement, lime and water, stucco evokes the look of Mediterranean, ranch and Spanish-style exteriors. But it is also rigid and requires careful professional installation to prevent cracks.

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### HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

**Ground lease:** a ground lease is an agreement in which a tenant is permitted to develop a piece of property during the lease period, after which the land and all improvements are turned over to the property owner.

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