



CITY OF EL MONTE

Economic Development Department
Planning Division

This is only a summary of key design guidelines. Please see the Planning Division and/or the El Monte Zoning Code for the full text and additional requirements.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE – CRAFTSMAN

The craftsman style, also known as the Arts and Crafts style, was a popular California architectural style during the first three decades of the 1900s. The style embraced traditional craftsmanship, simplicity, and natural materials. Many of the Craftsman homes in El Monte are small, one and one-and-a-half story bungalows. The standard form features a covered porch at the entry.

Defining Architectural Characteristics



Low-Pitched Roofs



Intersecting Gables



Exposed Beams and Rafters



Projecting Eaves



Shed Dormers



Gable Dormers



Squared Bays



Battered Columns



Porches

Preferred Roof Types



Side Gabled



Front Gabled



Hipped Roof



Roof with Dormer Windows

Preferred Roof Materials



Slate Shingles



Wood Shingles or Shakes



Asphalt Shingles

Preferred Building Materials and Colors

Most craftsman homes utilize a primary exterior material (wood shakes, wood shingles, wood clapboard siding, and stucco) with an accent material such as stone or brick around the foundation, for supports, and for chimneys. These homes are often painted with a principal color and two complementary trim colors. Existing wood materials should be preserved and maintained. Stucco should be removed if not one of the original materials and should not be placed over existing wood siding.



Wood Shakes/Shingles



Wood Clapboard



Stucco and Wood



Stone (Accent Material)



Brick (Accent Material)



Wood Trim (Accent Material)

Preferred Window Entry Types

Windows on Craftsman homes are typically fixed, double-hung, and casement. A distinct Craftsman-style window has a diamond pattern of three, six, eight, or nine small panes over one large pane. Craftsman doors are often wood with a stained finish. Windows within the door are arranged in distinct vertical and horizontal patterns. Battened, flush, and paneled types of doors are all appropriate.



Picture Windows



Group Windows



Paired Windows



Glazed Door with Windows



Paneled Doors



Doors with sidelights