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Modern Craftsman: Charming, Simple, Soulful

Modern Craftsman maintains the charm of Craftsman, a quintessential 20th century American expression of the Arts & Crafts movement, while modernizing interior layouts. Craftsman style attributes include thick square or round columns, stone porch supports, low-pitched roofs, wide eaves and triangular brackets. It's style with soul.

We're sharing some of our favorite Modern Craftsman window and door design ideas. Bring the Modern Craftsman look to your home or project.

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Modern Craftsman Entry Doors: An Entrance to Possibility

Front exteriors are a major element in Modern Craftsman design. With large, impressive front porches, Modern Craftsman homes employ detailed and rustic entry doors. There are so many possibilities to customize a front door. Here are a few key ideas for the Modern Craftsman look.



BEYOND WOOD

Modern Craftsman entry doors are depicted mainly as wood doors. Wood is beautiful and striking. If you have concerns about longevity, consider fiberglass. Fiberglass doors have the ability to fully replicate a woodgrain. If constructed well, it's almost impossible to tell the difference. You may also want to consider steel for added protection or durability. Steel doors can be finished in a variety of stains and paints.

GLASS IS ILLUMINATING

Adding glass to the entry door is a great application of Modern Craftsman. There are multiple ways to blend glass into front doors. Decorative or beveled glass is most popular.

When using decorative glass, patina coming, grooved metal bars that hold textured glass, adds unique charm.

Glass configurations most representative of Modern Craftsman include:

- Large glass insert – most often with prairie grills
- Top half glass with smaller solid horizontal panels
- Top third glass with vertical thin panels
- Sidelites carrying the same pattern as the paneled glass

SOMETHING EXTRA

Entry doors set the stage for a home's design. After taking in the expansive and columned porch, it's nice to add something extra to the front door. A shelf is a cool design accent, most often used under a panel. Arched doors also give the entry door a distinct look that can complement the lines of the porch pillars and supports.

Modern Craftsman Interior Doors: More than Just Functional

Interior doors are no longer just for privacy.
Interior doors can make a huge statement in
your Modern Craftsman home. Here are two ideas.





BARN DOORS: FUNCTIONAL AND CHARMING

Barn doors are an effortless way to add function and charm to your interior. To make it fit within the Modern Craftsman style, use doors that complement your exterior doors. Consider a simple one-panel, a two-panel with the divider about two-thirds of the length or a three-panel with one horizontal panel at the top and two vertical panels on the bottom. Use a black finish on hardware to attain that simple accent.

ENJOY THE LOOK OF REAL WOOD

While white is a popular color choice for interior doors, why not enjoy the look of real wood in your Modern Craftsman? Choose a woodgrain look over real wood for savings. The key is to ensure that the woodgrain is well done. Hand-brushing is of course the optimal finish. Once this hand-brushing is cured, you'll be able to hang these doors and appreciate them for years.

Modern Craftsman Patio Doors: Extend Your Space

Patio doors are known for extending living spaces and letting natural light into a room. A Modern Craftsman patio door will often have the same attributes as windows, including grilles and trim.

On the back exterior of a Modern Craftsman, you may have the opportunity to install a patio door. The door will more likely connect or line up to windows. Using the same grille pattern and color provides a seamless look. You get the added benefit of doors that easily open as an outswing or inswing.

Sliding doors are less prevalent in a Modern Craftsman but not unheard of. Sliding doors require less space as they don't have a swing. Grilles can be used with sliding doors as well to create a consistent look.

In most every patio door in a Modern Craftsman, you'll find a top piece with either decorative or a more intricate grille. Keep lines straight. Use diamonds or turned squares.

Also consider a multi-slide door for larger openings. These push open doors can have up to six panels equal to 10-feet high and 24-feet wide. Grilles are available to keep a uniform appearance.



Modern Craftsman Windows: Simple Touches Add Style

The exterior of Modern Craftsman homes is very distinct. Thus, your windows must look the part, as they are a big part of the exterior look of a home! Here are some looks you'll love for Modern Craftsman homes.



PRAIRIE GRILLES

Prairie grilles became popular through Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School Designs. The prairie grille is usually just four pieces of grille. But they are not evenly spaced. The center spaces are much larger. The center area can be wider than the sides as well.

They originated as long, vertical windows in groups, often vertical casement windows. But prairie grilles are now used in most standard-size windows as well. The grille can match the color of the exterior window or be combined for something a bit more modern.

TOP ONE-THIRD GRILLES

These grilles are most often used in double-hung windows. The grille pattern represents the top one-third of the windows. This is used on upper and lower windows, although, it does not have to be consistently used. Homes will sometimes feature the top third prairie grille just on lower levels or front-facing windows. Often, it's the same design as the front door.

OPTIONS

Grilles can be simulated. They can also fit between the glass. These are called grilles-between-the-glass (GBG). GBG mean the grilles don't have exposure to the elements. They also offer an easier cleaning option.

Grille Patterns



Interior and Exterior Trim

You have options for trim on the interior and exterior. Interior trim can be finished to match any other wood element in the room like floors or cabinets. White is also a common color. With oversized molding, the white can certainly add distinction to the interior, especially if the wall color is medium to dark.

Exterior trim gives windows more depth, which is important in Modern Craftsman homes, as they often have larger shingles.

You don't want your windows to be dwarfed by other exterior elements.

You can decide to finish or paint the trim to match an accent color on your exterior. It will really make the windows pop and give additional emphasis to your grille pattern.

A thicker top molding on both the interior and exterior is also a classic Modern Craftsman look.





Glass

Decorative glass is always a possibility for windows. Deco glass is typically for smaller accent windows or top panes on a set of windows.

If you have two windows on either side of a fireplace, this is an ideal area to try deco glass. It gives definition to the windows on the exterior while adding balance to the interior.

You could also be even more bold with some colored stained glass on a long accent window in a hallway or powder room.

Deco glass is a viable alternative to grilles. You can add a row of decorative glass above front windows. A more masculine design works better for Modern Craftsman. The design on the glass should have more straight lines versus a more delicate curve.



Modern Craftsman Possibilities

Modern Craftsman is Americana. It was one of the first styles to really be developed in American architecture. Its revitalization keeps its simple roots while modernizing comfort and details.

An important part of this style is windows and doors. With their imposing porches and low roofs, windows and doors can't be an afterthought. They are too important to the overall look. These are just a few of our Modern Craftsman inspiration ideas.

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