

# Explore Different Types of Windows

Besides allowing natural light in and keeping the weather out, windows are the eyes to the soul of a home. Whether building or upgrading, every detail counts. Windows create visual interest and tell the story of a home. Here are the top four types.

## Fixed

Homes with young children or high vaulted ceilings should consider fixed windows. As the name implies, little hands cannot open this solid glass option, keeping them safe. Fixed windows only function to let light in and frame picturesque views. They are also known as picture windows for their capacity to showcase the most stunning views. They can be round, oval, square or octagonal. Styles include glass block, bow and bay windows. Check the seals at least once per season to prevent air from escaping, which can result in unnecessarily high bills in the winter and summer.

## Casement

Casement windows are commonly found in homes from the middle of the last century. This type of window is operated by a crank that opens the window outward on a hinge and seals tightly when closed. They are known for being energy efficient and difficult to break. Casement windows are ideal over a sink or countertop. Homeowners may find it challenging that the outside of the window may only be cleaned outside. Ensure that the panes will be able to fully swing out before purchasing.

## Hung

Hung windows are popular for their traditional look. Options include single- or double-hung. Single-hung windows move vertically while the top panel remains stationary. Both the top and bottom panes move with double-hung selections, creating exceptional airflow. These types of windows match the style of the home with a variety of wood grains and colors. They are also easy to clean.

## Sliding

If you constantly need to open and shut windows, sliding windows are your best option. Similar to hung windows, this type has panes that move sideways. They are durable with a simple design that makes them an affordable option.

Deciding on the types of windows you would like to use from your home is a timeless decision. As such, this article was inspired by the May 1962 issue of Better Homes & Gardens magazine.