



# Typical Bungalow



The bungalow, and its early twentieth century style, which remained popular until 1940, is easily recognizable. Usually one or one and a half story structures, these informal wooden, stucco or brick houses have broad, sloping roofs ending in wide eaves, and may exhibit exposed rafters, arched windows, or dormers and a modest front porch. The small residences, most commonly erected by middle class people, conform to the early twentieth century preference for convenience and simplicity.

Highly popular in the 1930s, inexpensive bungalow plans were available from Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs and in other "bungalow books" prepared by local contractors and builders. Individual examples may feature cobblestone chimneys or decorative half-timbering.

First popularized in California, bungalows are thought to have evolved from thatched hut cottages in India