

Materials	Advantages	Disadvantages	Expense
Composition Shingles	Affordable, many types, brands and colors, easy to install and repair, low maintenance	Can blow off in high winds, scars easily in heat, subject to moss and mildew, are now recyclable	\$
Metal	Durable, long life span, low maintenance, fire retardant, energy efficient, environmentally friendly since it can be installed over existing roofs, can be made to look like wood shakes, clay and metal tiles and shingles	Very expensive (2 to 3 times more expensive than composition), installation can be difficult	\$\$
Wood Shakes	Insulates attic, allows house to breathe, natural look	Subject to mold, rot and insects, poor fire rating unless pressure treated, higher maintenance	\$\$\$
Clay Tile	Durable, long lasting, will not rot or burn, easy to maintain, variety of colors and styles	Heavy so extra roof support may be needed, expensive, complicated installation, fragile so maintenance can be difficult	\$\$\$
Slate	Long life span, low maintenance, will not rot or burn, variety of colors and sizes	Heavy so extra support may be needed, expensive, fragile so maintenance can be difficult	\$\$\$
Concrete Tile	Long life span, low maintenance, will not rot or burn, can be made to look like wood shakes, clay tiles or slate	Expensive, there are also structural issues to be considered	\$\$\$