



SIDING MATERIALS

SIDING TYPES	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	COST
Aluminum Siding	Easy to maintain, durable, will not crack, fireproof, great water barrier, comes in a variety of colors, styles and textures, can be installed over wood siding	Very strong, resist shrinking and bulging when temperatures change, low maintenance	Low
Vinyl Siding	Easy to maintain, durable, will not rot or flake, great water barrier, variety of colors, textures and styles, easily cleaned, can be installed over wood siding	Lower quality vinyl Can crack, fade or get dingy over time, not environmentally friendly	Low
Solid Wood Siding	Can paint or stain a variety of colors, natural look, fairly easy to repair	May rot, flake warp or split, expensive, high maintenance	Moderate-High
Composite Wood	Sturdier than vinyl, more durable and less costly than wood, impact-, rot- and fire-resistant.	Difficult to install, requiring special tools, techniques, poor installation leads to cracks in cold, buckling in heat, installation is expensive	Moderate
Stucco	Easily cleaned, variety of colors, quick installation	Not as durable	High
Stone	Durable, natural look	Expensive, difficult to install, may crack	High
Fiber Cement	Extremely durable, fire and termite proof, can have appearance of wood, stucco or masonry at a lower cost, low maintenance, easy installation	Heavy product, requires moisture barrier under siding to ensure waterproof qualities	Moderate-High
Brick	Durable, long lifespan, classic look	Expensive	High
Seamless Steel	Very strong, resist shrinking and bulging when temperatures change, low maintenance	Difficult to repair, can dent and rust	Moderate

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