



GUIDE TO WINDOWS  
CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHOOSING THE  
RIGHT WINDOWS FOR ANY HOME OR  
REMODELING PROJECT.





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# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN CHOOSING WINDOWS

This guide is designed to help streamline your decision making process when it comes to windows. If you're unsure about operating types, material options, window styles, or replacement or upgrade options, this guide is for you. Designed for homeowners, builders, and architects, this easy-to-follow guide makes choosing the right windows simple.

To learn more about JELD-WEN windows, [visit us online.](#)



CHAPTER

1

THE ANATOMY  
OF A WINDOW

Learn about the basic anatomy of a window  
and important terms that you need to know.

# THE ANATOMY OF A WINDOW

Every window is similar in construction although their styles and types vary. When shopping for new or replacement windows, understanding these main terms will help you find the right window.

**Frame:** the outermost casing of a window that's typically available in various colors to either match or contrast your interior and exterior designs.

**Head:** this refers to the top horizontal strip of the window frame.

**Grilles:** these are an optional window add-on that includes dividing lines throughout the window, either inside the glass (grilles-between-the-glass) or on the exterior of the glass (simulated divided lites).

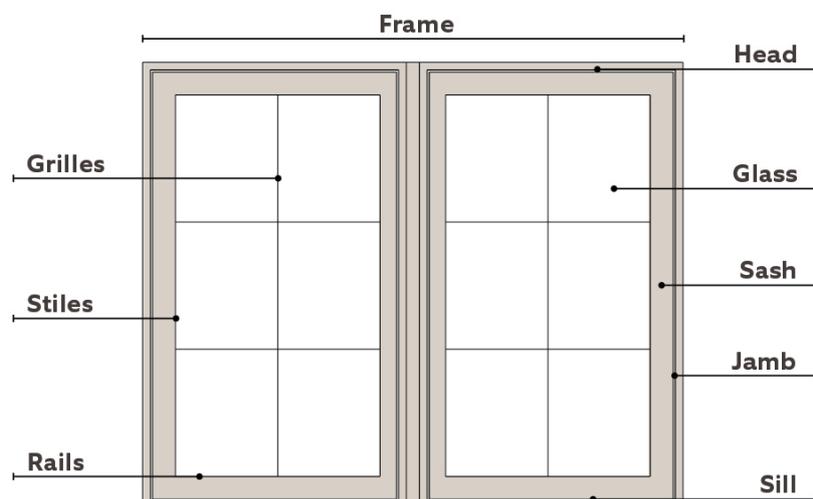
**Sash:** this section of the window is located inside the window frame, and it holds the glass in place.

**Stiles:** this term refers to the vertical sections of the sash that are located inside the window frame.

**Rails:** this term refers to the horizontal sections of the sash that are located inside the window frame.

**Jamb:** this refers to the vertical sides of the window frame.

**Sill:** a frequently used term, the sill is the horizontal strip along the bottom of the window frame.



CHAPTER

# 2

## WINDOW TYPES

Explore different operating types  
and how they can transform any space.



## WINDOW TYPES

There are numerous window types available that can transform both the interior and exterior of any home. Each window type is based on its operation, which means the way the window opens and closes. Not all window types are functional and can be opened or closed. Here are some common window types to choose from:

**Single-hung window:** this type of window features a lower, operable sash and an upper, fixed sash that allows the bottom section of the window to slide up and down while the top section remains in place. This is the most common window type.



**Double-hung window:** this type of window includes two operable sashes that can both slide up and down, which allows both the upper sash to be moved up and down as well as the lower sash.



**Awning window:** this window type doesn't feature any sliding sashes, but rather has hinges at the top of the frame and swings outward from the bottom away from the building.



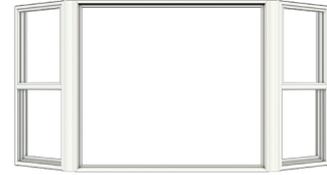
**Casement window:** a casement window is similar in operation to an awning window except it hinges at the side of the window frame and can open outward toward the left or right.



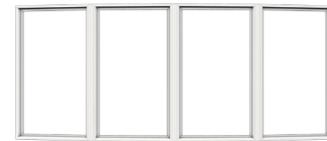
**Picture window:** this window type is in a fixed, closed position (i.e. does not open) and offers unobstructed views.



**Bay window:** a bay window type is a collection of three windows that create a bowing arch that projects outward from an exterior wall on a building.



**Bow window:** this window type is similar to a bay window except it features a subtle curve and can include more than three window panels.



**Sliding window:** A low-maintenance, contemporary window with two components, one stationary pane and one pane that moves horizontally left or right.



When choosing your window operating type, consider if you'd like your windows to slide or hinge to open. To get a closer look at all available window types, [find more information on jeldwen.com](https://www.jeld-wen.com).



CHAPTER

# 3

## MATERIAL OPTIONS

Window materials matter. Choose the right materials for both aesthetics and performance, to achieve long-term beauty and durability.



## MATERIAL OPTIONS

There are three main material collections that all JELD-WEN windows are crafted from. Each material is carefully engineered and fortified to deliver lasting beauty and reliable performance.



## WOOD WINDOWS

Wood is a traditional and classic material used in window construction. Wood windows offer a myriad of benefits, including:

- **Aesthetics:** Nothing beats the look of warm, elegant wood windows. Capable of painting or staining, wood windows can match a myriad of styles to boost curb appeal.
- **Durability:** With proper care and maintenance, wood windows can last much longer and have a lower whole life cost.
- **Energy efficiency:** wood is a great insulator that can protect your home in both hot and cold climates.

To find the right wood window for your project, view [Custom Wood Window Options](#).



## VINYL WINDOWS

Vinyl is a cost-effective alternative to other window materials that requires minimal maintenance and upkeep.

- **Appearance:** Vinyl windows mimic the look of real wood but require minimal upkeep.
- **Budget-Friendly:** Vinyl is a great alternative to wood if you're looking for high-quality windows with a lower price point.
- **Low-Maintenance:** Requiring limited upkeep, vinyl windows can easily be cleaned with soap and water and don't need to be refinished to ensure longevity.
- **Durability:** Vinyl is a durable material that resists rot, warping, and chipping for long-lasting beauty.



# CLAD-WOOD WINDOWS

Clad-wood windows feature beautiful wood finishes inside the home and protective, low-maintenance aluminum cladding on the exterior.

- **Interior Beauty:** Clad-wood windows available in a variety of stain and paint options to offer beautiful aesthetics that complement interior design.
- **Performance:** With a baked-on exterior finish, clad-wood stands up to the outdoor elements for a durable, reliable solution.



[Bay Window](#)

CHAPTER

# 4

WINDOW STYLES

Find the right window to complement any style and design need  
with the convenient JELD-WEN Curated Style Collections.

# WHICH WINDOW STYLE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Browse the [JELD-WEN Curated Style Collections](#) to find Farmhouse, Coastal, Updated Traditional, and Simply Modern window styles that to elevate the look of any home. Each style collection can also be blended to create a unique aesthetic that suits any style.



 [FARMHOUSE](#)



 [COASTAL](#)



 [UPDATED TRADITIONAL](#)



 [SIMPLY MODERN](#)

## TAKE THE QUIZ TO DEFINE YOUR STYLE

Take the quiz to define your style or browse the JELD-WEN Curated Style Collections to get inspired.



[Builders™ Vinyl](#)



[Flat Casing Vinyl](#)

## FARMHOUSE STYLE COLLECTION

[Modern Farmhouse](#) is a blend of old and new. Neutral wood elements, fresh neutrals, a mix of textures, and vintage inspired pieces create a space that's refined, yet comfortable and welcoming. Both JELD-WEN [Builders™ Vinyl](#) and [Flat Casing Vinyl](#) window collections feature numerous windows that exude the Farmhouse style. When looking for Farmhouse style windows, look for styles that include:

- Tall, symmetrical shapes
- Large glass panels
- Contrasting frames

Browse the [Farmhouse Style](#) Collection for more inspiration.



## COASTAL STYLE COLLECTION

Coastal styles evoke the sense of easy living. Bright, beachy colors, an abundance of natural light, and added warmth with natural wood accents help create a retreat from the every day. To find Coastal inspired windows, browse [JELD-WEN Premium Atlantic™ Vinyl](#) collection and the [Siteline® Clad-Wood](#) window collection.

Coastal windows should feature:

- Large glass panels
- Ocean-inspired color palette
- Durable materials

Browse the [Coastal Style](#) Collection for more inspiration.



[Double Hung](#)



[Brickmould Vinyl](#)



[Siteline® Clad-Wood](#)



[Custom Wood](#)

## UPDATED TRADITIONAL STYLE COLLECTION

[Updated Traditional style](#) mixes classic design elements with spacious floor plans for a more open, relaxed feel. You can take this style in different directions by choosing lighter colors and classic details for a softly refined look or combine saturated colors with ornate details to add visual drama. JELD-WEN offers three different window collections that include a myriad of options designed to complement traditional design. Browse through our [Brickmould Vinyl](#), [Siteline® Clad-Wood](#), and [Custom Wood](#) collections to elevate your interior and exterior style.

- Timeless design details
- Classic curved styles
- Architecturally correct craftsmanship

Browse the [Updated Traditional](#) Style Collection for more inspiration.



# SIMPLY MODERN STYLE COLLECTION

Clean lines, open spaces, and a touch of nature define [Simply Modern](#) style. By combining elements of minimalism and modernism, these spaces are bright, uncluttered, and welcoming. Oftentimes, they are designed with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. For windows that will help you achieve your ideal Modern design, browse our [DF™ Hybrid Vinyl](#) and [Siteline® Clad-Wood](#) window collections.

- Minimalist frames
- Expansive glass
- Clean, contemporary style

Browse the [Simply Modern](#) Style Collection for more inspiration.

CHAPTER

# 5

## REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OPTIONS

Replacing outdated and inefficient windows  
to elevate the look and feel of any home.



## REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES

Knowing more about window materials and styles, it's time to choose the right window for your next project. Typically, JELD-WEN windows are used for full remodeling projects, but can also support replacing existing windows to match the same look and feel of a home. When looking to renovate a home, JELD-WEN [Vinyl Windows](#) are a great option to deliver durable, energy efficient options at a budget friendly price point.

When looking for high-end windows to increase curb appeal, [Siteline® Clad-Wood windows](#) offer luxurious, lasting design. Perfect for custom homes that want an elevated aesthetic, these windows offer a multitude of operating types, sizes and colors.

[JELD-WEN](#) provides architecturally correct windows, designed to meet historical building requirements and match the original home's beauty for a historically authentic aesthetic. Find the right window solutions for your repair and remodeling needs.

FOR MORE WINDOW INFORMATION AND  
INSPIRATION VISIT [JELD-WEN.COM](https://www.jeld-wen.com)



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