
Home Styles

Rancher

Built on a crawl space or slab. Level entry and all living space is on one floor.



Split Levels

A 3-level split is generally seen with the living and dining room and kitchen on the main level. Bedrooms are upstairs and a family room, laundry and perhaps another bedroom are down. Usually they are on a combination of slab and crawl space. Splits can have a 4th and 5th level. Hence, “4-level split” with the addition of a basement area under the main area instead of a crawl space.



Contemporary

Multi-level where positioning of bedrooms and main living areas vary immensely. Designed to bring the outdoors inside, these homes usually have a lot of windows and skylights and an open floor plan.



Basement Homes

There are three basic styles to choose from:

- 1) Level entry where the living area is on the main floor. There is a long flight of stairs down to the basement, which is usually below grade.
- 2) The living area (kitchen, living room, etc.) is upstairs from the basement level. The basement is above grade.
- 3) Cathedral or split-entry is where there is a small landing in the entry hall with stairs leading up into the main living area and stairs leading down to the basement.



2-Storey

Level entry with kitchen, living room, dining room, family room, etc. on the main floor. Bedrooms are upstairs. Tudors, colonials and cape cod styles usually have this design. Some “2-storey” homes have a full or partial in-ground basement which is not easily visible from the street.



Character Old-Timer



Older style and heritage homes are very popular in this day and age and are usually two or three levels. Basements can often be low. Homes usually feature an array of old world charm such as dormers, paned and stained glass windows, high ceilings, wainscoting, wood floors, etc.