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Create an exterior with distinguished features by borrowing the details from a classic architectural style. Here's how to replicate the look. By Suzanne Morrissey

Spanish Mission

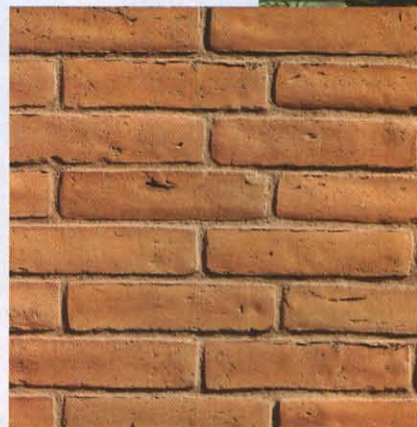
The hallmarks of a Spanish Mission-style home are unmistakable: smooth stucco walls and red barrel roof tiles. This distinct look—made popular during the late 1800s and influenced heavily, as the name implies, by missions built by Spanish missionaries—also features arched doorways, columns or pillars, roof parapets, and quatrefoil windows (with a four-part cloverleaf shape). As the popularity of Spanish Mission style grew through the 1930s, so did designers' desire to combine it with other earthy styles, including Prairie, Craftsman, and pueblo.

Spanish Mission homes are prevalent in California, the American Southwest, and Texas, where smooth tiled surfaces are employed to help keep homes cool. This Spanish Mission home, *right*, displays several of the style's tenets: a large entry arch and curved roof tiles in classic clay red.



◀ House Numbers

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