

BUNGALOW

1910s

The bungalow style started in California in the early 1910s, primarily as an outgrowth of the Craftsman style. Bungalows are informal, simple houses designed to address the need for more affordable housing. Bungalow floorplans are informal with open spaces. Although there are many large, two story bungalows, most bungalows were typically one story. The bungalow became the first style of home to be built on a mass scale by contractor-builders. Tracts of these semi-custom homes were built on a speculative basis by developers, thus setting the foundation for tract home development that occurred after World War II.

The bungalow is the most common style in Ontario. As time passed variations of the bungalow developed based on many different architectural styles such as Colonial Revival, Victorian, and Mediterranean Revival. In California, a unique variation of the bungalow was created. Called the California Bungalow, it was a cross between the Craftsman and Mediterranean Revival styles. Ontario has examples of all these variations of bungalows.

Regardless of styles, bungalows had many common features and design elements.

COMMON FEATURES

- Open floor plan
- Large front porches
- Front stoop
- Low pitched roofs

WINDOWS

Windows were typically either single or double-hung windows or casement windows. Sliding windows were not used. Windows frames were made of wood. Bungalows had many windows to let in natural light. Windows were commonly grouped in sets of two or three. Front windows were typically large in size.

DOORS

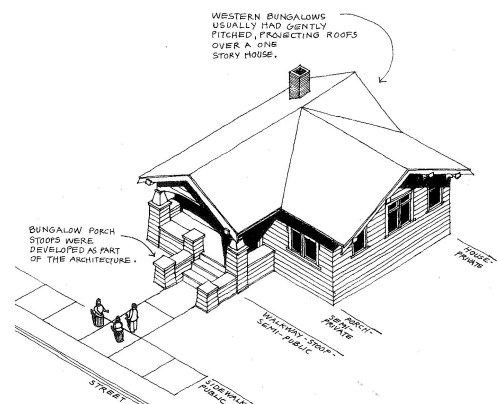
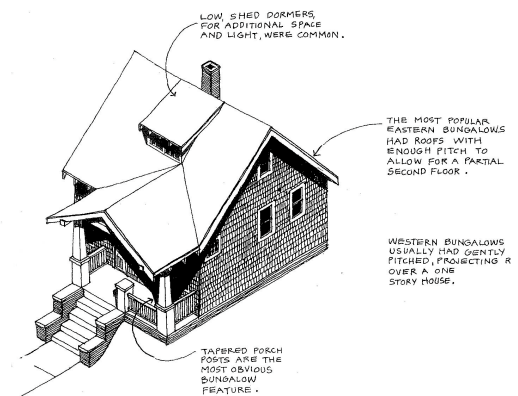
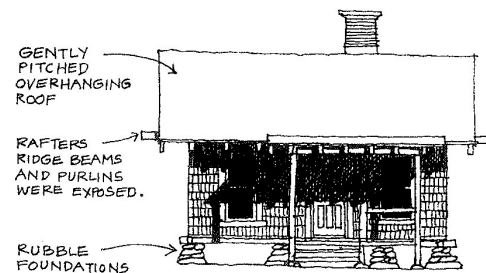
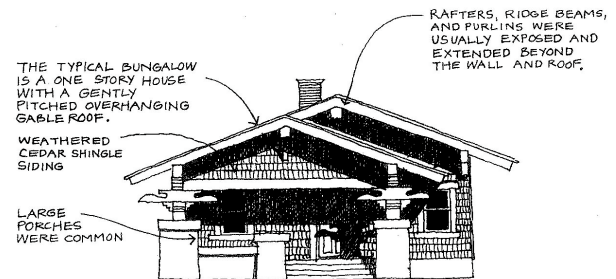
Front doors were typically large and decorative, based on style of architecture.

COLORS

Based on style of Bungalow.

VARIATIONS

Craftsman Bungalow – Based on the Craftsman style home, and most notably the work of Greene and Greene Architects. It is the most common of the bungalows in Ontario and was dominant



from the early 1910s through the mid 1920s. See Craftsman style for common features and details.

Colonial Bungalow – Based on the Colonial Revival style of architecture, these homes were built starting in the late 1910s and became more prevalent as the revival styles became popular in the 1920's. See Colonial Revival style for common features and details.

Victorian Bungalow – Based on the Queen Anne style predominant in the late 1800s, these homes were built in the early 1910s and were not as popular as other styles.

California Bungalow – A mix of the Craftsman and Mediterranean Bungalows, these homes were built in the early to mid 1920s as the popularity of the Craftsman style was dying and the Period Revival styles was rising.

Mediterranean Bungalow – Based on the Mediterranean Revival style, these homes were built in the mid 1920s through the 1930s and are the second most common type of bungalow.

