



Typical Queen Anne details

Hastings has surprisingly few examples of elaborate Queen Anne Style houses. Many Greek Revival and Italianate style houses, however, were remodeled with Queen Anne porches, dormers, or windows. Examples of the style appeared in Hastings in the 1880s and remained popular until after 1900.

This period saw increasing use of new building technology including mass production of doors, windows, and decorative details, and modern conveniences such as plumbing, central heating, electricity, and telephones.



Queen Anne Style, ca. 1880-1905

Whatever their size or degree of complexity, Queen Anne houses usually have in common a richness of the wall surfaces and an elaborate porch.

Typical characteristics:

- Complex plan, sometimes with offset bays at the corners.
- Steeply-pitched roof, sometimes with several slopes or dormers.
- Asymmetrical facade, with windows of varying shapes and sizes.
- Richly textured wall surfaces, with shingles, clapboards, and carved and incised panels.
- Limestone foundation.
- Windows surrounded with deep moldings and a variety of sash arrangements, including two-over-two.
- Porches heavily decorated with sawn and turned ornament, or “gingerbread.”
- Original color schemes were often polychrome compositions of deep, sometimes vibrant colors.