

## D. 5.3 DORMERS

Dormers are projections in the roof slope that contain their own walls, roofs, and windows. They provide additional space, light, and ventilation to attic space or the upper floors of a home. Dormers often contain roof shapes that replicate or complement those of the main structure, and their size and forms are typically related to the style and scale of the home.

### Guidelines for Dormer Maintenance, Repair and Replacement

#### *Encouraged*

- Maintain and repair original dormers in accordance with the guidelines for foundations and walls (D.1), roofs (D5.1) and soffits and fascias (D5.2) in their original material, shape and trim.
- Replace severely deteriorated materials or construct replacement dormers in-kind (i.e., the same in material, shape, size and trim).

#### *Acceptable*

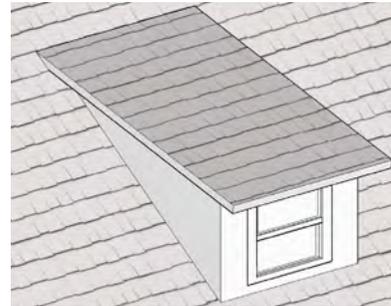
- Construct a new dormer that is consistent with the style and materials of the home on the secondary or rear facades. New dormers should match the roof style of the home.

#### *Discouraged*

- Construct new dormers that occupy more than 50 percent of the slope of the roof on the primary facade (i.e., front or corner side facade).
- Construct new dormers that distract from the style and materials of the home.
- Construct new dormers on the primary facades where none existed previously.

### Internet Resource:

Old House Journal Web Site (<http://www.oldhousejournal.com>): [Dormers, Bays & Turrets.](#)



*Illustration D.21 - Shed dormer example*



*Photo D.21 - Eyebrow dormer example*



*Photo D.22 - Gabled dormer example*



*Illustration D.22 - Hipped dormer example*