



Illustration C.11 - American Foursquare floor plan example from the book, Houses by Mail, A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Company



Photo C.19 - American Foursquare style residence- 9 S. Columbia Street



Illustration C.12 - Example of an American Foursquare style residence

C.8 AMERICAN FOURSQUARE (1900-1930)

Due to its practicality and simple layout, the American Foursquare style became very popular for the working and middle class during the early 1900s. Its simplicity made it a candidate for popular mail order house kits of the era as well. Foursquare homes derive their name from the typical plan layout of dividing the first and second floors into four rooms per floor as shown in Illustration C.14.

Popular between the years 1900 - 1910, some builders often borrowed features from other popular styles, such as Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, and Craftsman to dress up the Foursquare homes.

Typical attributes

- *Stories:* Two and a half stories
 - *Building Form:* Simple square shape with symmetrical facade
1. *Windows:* Double hung windows; typically single pane.
 2. *Doors:* Large single pane of glass in top portion
 3. *Ornamentation:* Simple wood trim
 4. *Siding:* Brick, stone, or wood clapboard siding (bevel or simple drop)
 5. *Roof:* Hipped roofs and dormers with large overhangs. Large central dormer typical
 6. *Porch:* Full width, single story with low slope hip roof