

Home & GARDEN

Designing an extraordinary exterior for your home

(NC)—In developing a colour scheme for the exterior of your home, there are key architectural elements to consider. As you begin your colour project, step back and examine all of the various visual details of your home.

"There are many different styles of homes across Canada with interesting and unique design features," says Darrin Noble, a colour solutions specialist with CIL Paint. "To help your colour scheme achieve maximum effect, we recommend incorporating these architectural features into the overall design of your homes colour palette."

The CIL Colour Solutions Team recommends reviewing the following checklist and then selecting colours that reflect your taste and personality to reveal the beauty of your home.

Study Roof Configurations. What colour is your roof and how much of it shows as part of the styling of your exterior? If you will be keeping the existing roof colour, be sure to coordinate your colour selection to create an attractive scheme.

Coordinate Existing Elements. Stone and brick are just two elements that may be featured as part of your exterior. Consider their colour when selecting a paint colour for the siding or trim. And if you don't like the colour of your brick or stone surfaces, remember that they can be easily painted.

Accent Interesting Trim. There are usually a variety of trim elements and details that are incorporated into the exterior of our homes. Decide on the architectural features that are the most appealing and consider enhancing them with accenting trim colours.

Hide Undesirable Elements. Every exterior has its undesirable components such as eaves troughs, piping, electrical conduits, vents, and utility boxes. Hide them by painting them the same colour as your house. Flat paints help to hide details even further.

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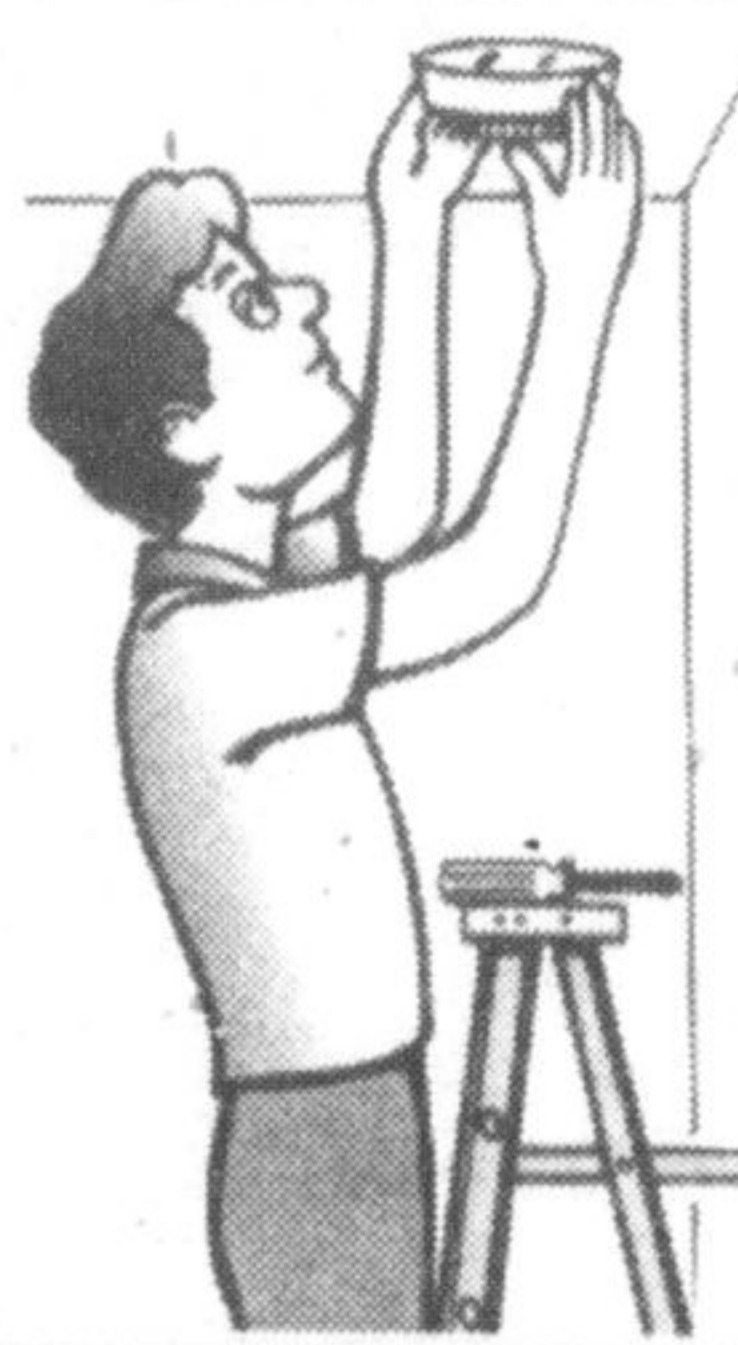
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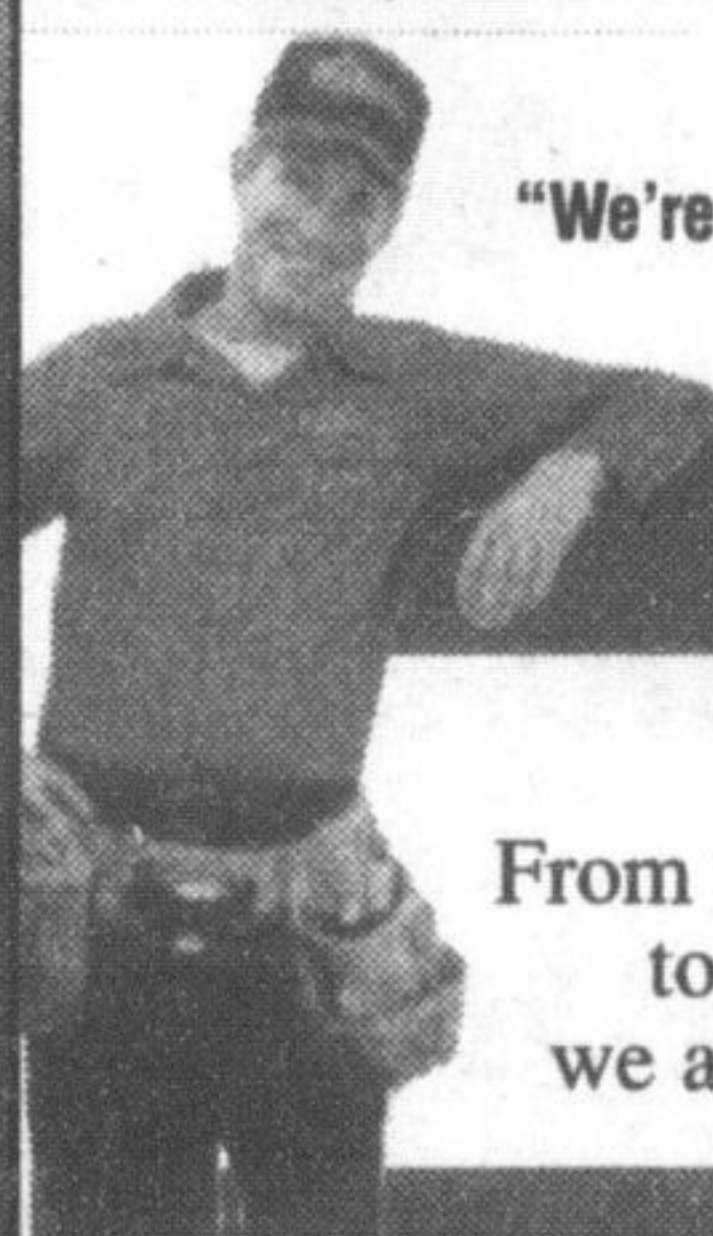
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