

Colouring London Building Typology

The following guide provides some typical exterior characteristics of the buildings associated with each age category that has been set by Colouring London. It is designed to be a guide to help students to enter the data into the correct category. It is not a comprehensive guide to building typologies in London.

Age category	Common exterior features/characteristics
≥2000	Glass, metal, concrete, flat roof, multi-storey, modern.
1980–2000	Brick, double glazing, apex roof, garage, front garden.
1960–1980	Brick, cladding (wooden weatherboarding or hanging tiles), double glazing, apex roof, garage, front garden.
1940–1960	Brick, rendered, single glazing, small traditional windows.
1920–1940	Art deco style – lead window frames, decorative glass in front doors.
1900–1920	Brick, rendered or pebble dashed, single glazing, small traditional windows but more decorative in style than Victorian houses.
1880–1900	Brick, single glazing, wooden, sash windows, stained glass in front door windows, apex roof, decorative plaster work.
1860–1880	Brick, single glazing, sash windows, apex roof, decorative plaster work.
1840–1860	Brick, single glazing, wooden windows, apex roof. Chimneys. Often characterised by the two up, two down terraced housing.
1820–1840	Brick, single glazing, wooden windows, apex roof made from slate.
1800–1820	Brick, single glazing, lead windows, apex roof, symmetrical designs.

 1780–1800	Brick, single glazing, lead windows, apex roof, symmetrical designs.
 1760–1780	Stone, timber framed windows, thatched roofs, small windows, low door heights.
 1740–1760	Stone, timber framed windows, thatched roofs, small windows, low door heights.
 1720–1740	Stone, timber framed windows, thatched roofs, small windows, low door heights.
 1700–1720	Stone, timber framed windows, thatched roofs, small windows, low door heights.
 1680–1700	Stone, timber framed windows, thatched roofs, small windows, low door heights.
 1660–1680	Stone or clay, exposed timber frames, timber framed windows, thatched roofs, small windows, low door heights.
 <1660	Stone, timber framed windows, small proportions, low door heights.

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