

The world of architecture and exterior design can throw an awful lot of unfamiliar vocabulary your way. Get to know your fascia and friezes, and trust us, your project will go a lot smoother. Plus, your contractor will be impressed.



### EXPOSURE

Sometimes referred to as a reveal, exposure is the visible space between the bottoms of adjacent rows of siding.



### GABLE

A gable is the generally triangular portion of a wall between the edges of a dual-pitched roof.



### SOFFIT

The soffit is the underside of any construction element. The word is also used to describe the material used to cover the exposed surface beneath the overhang of a roof.



### FASCIA

A fascia is a band that runs horizontally under the edge of a roof. On a house, it is the fascia that usually caps the ends of rafters and sometimes holds the gutter.



### WEATHER BARRIER

Weather barrier, or housewrap, covers a structure's exterior prior to siding installation. It prevents rain from getting into the walls, while allowing water vapor to escape.



### FRIEZE

A frieze is an ornamental horizontal band that appears on the exterior walls of a building or house, usually near the roofline.