

Double-Hung Windows

These are the most popular type of window, with two sashes in one frame. Double-hung windows work well in both traditional and contemporary designs. Use them for walls that open onto a porch or walkway. Because the sashes don't swing out, they won't interfere with passers-by.

In older homes, two sashes were mounted in wood side channels and suspended on counterweighted ropes. New models operate much more easily. They use spring balances to hold the two sashes as they move up and down in vinyl tracks. Another good feature: tilt-in sashes for easy cleaning.