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Opposite: In classic Craftsman style, the dormers that punctuate this bungalow's roof are miniature versions of the main gable that shelters the front stoop. Above: An eyebrow dormer reinforces this home's eclectic, English Cottage appeal. Right: An elegant window bay extends above the roofline and is further enhanced with a sweeping shed-dormer roof. Below, left to right: Because the front face of these gable dormers are in line with the exterior wall, the stone veneer can continue up as the dormer facing as well. This French-inspired home sports both a central, arch-topped dormer and adjacent hip-roofed dormers that are in keeping with its European aesthetics.



the ridge, it creates a sleepy feeling, much like opening your eyes from an afternoon nap."

Sease's firm, Tippet Sease Baker Architecture, is well-versed in not only designing and constructing dormers to complement their impressive work, but also in knowing which dormers are most appropriate to a specific architectural style. "For instance, for Georgian-inspired residences, dormers are typically formal and gabled," Sease says. "They accentuate the geometry of the facade, creating a steady, stately rhythm." With a more loose and expressive aesthetic, like an Arts and Crafts bungalow, the architect notes that a curved dormer, known as an eyebrow dormer, is more intrinsic with the look. Sease adds that by taking time to choose the right style of dormers for a home, owners can expand their square footage inside while adding a bit of character to the roofline outside.

DORMER pointers

If you're thinking about adding dormers to your own house, keep these guidelines in mind:

- The location of the rafters in your home is crucial because a dormer's sidewalls must rest on top of them. It's best to double up the rafters by placing them side-by-side for adequate support.
- Dormers look best when constructed so that a single casing board covers the distance between the window jambs and dormer corners without any siding infill.
- Even if the majority of a house is faced in brick, dormers are almost always sheathed in wood, roofing, or another type of siding. Because brick is heavy and requires more support than wood framing can bear, it should only be used when the dormer is an extension of the exterior wall.