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HOME EXTERIOR DESIGN GUIDE





Welcome to Your Fall 2026 Home Exterior Design Guide

Brought to you by Homestead Exteriors — Colorado's Trusted James Hardie Elite Contractor

Fall in Colorado brings cooler temperatures, changing landscapes and a natural shift toward home. It's also an ideal time to take a closer look at your exterior — from the colors and materials that define your home's style to the small maintenance items that can make a big difference once winter arrives.

Whether you're gathering inspiration for a future renovation or simply preparing your home for colder weather, this guide was created to help you make thoughtful, informed decisions.

Inside, you'll discover:

- Rich James Hardie colors we're loving for Fall 2026
- Ways to bring warmth, texture and character to your exterior
- A practical checklist to prepare your home before the first freeze
- A real Homestead transformation for design inspiration

Fall may be a season of change, but great exterior design should look beautiful all year long.



Warm Up Your Exterior with Rich, Grounded Color

As Colorado's landscape shifts into deeper greens, golden grasses and warm autumn tones, fall is the perfect time to embrace exterior colors with a little more depth.

For Fall 2026, we're looking beyond traditional gray and beige and toward colors that feel rich, grounded and connected to the natural landscape. From warm browns to deep blue and classic red, these James Hardie colors bring character to an exterior while remaining timeless enough to look beautiful through every season.



Timber Bark

Warm, earthy and easy to live with, Timber Bark brings the richness of brown to an exterior without overpowering the home's architecture. Its natural character feels especially at home against Colorado's landscape and is a great option for homeowners who want something warmer than gray while still maintaining a neutral exterior.

Pair Timber Bark with lighter trim for definition, or introduce stone and wood elements to create a layered exterior that feels connected to its surroundings.

Deep Ocean

Deep Ocean brings an entirely different dimension to an autumn palette. This saturated blue creates beautiful contrast against golden grasses, warm stone, natural wood and changing foliage.

It's a strong option for homeowners who want color without choosing something overly bright or seasonal. Its depth keeps the exterior sophisticated, while the blue provides a refreshing alternative to the browns, greens and grays commonly seen throughout Colorado neighborhoods.





Rich Espresso

For homeowners ready to go darker, Rich Espresso creates a sophisticated exterior with striking depth. Its rich brown coloring offers the drama of today's darker exterior trend while maintaining a warmer, more organic appearance.

Deep tones can help define a home's architecture against the surrounding landscape. Use Rich Espresso across the main body of the home for a bold transformation, or incorporate it selectively to emphasize architectural features.

Countryslane Red

Classic doesn't have to mean predictable. Countryslane Red introduces warmth and personality while giving a nod to traditional American architecture.

Paired with crisp, light trim, its richness becomes even more pronounced. For Colorado homes with traditional architecture, prominent front porches or strong trim details, Countryslane Red can create a welcoming exterior with lasting character.



Color Tip: Don't choose your siding color in isolation. Consider how it works with the permanent elements of your home — including your roof, stone or brick, windows and trim. View physical samples outdoors and at different times of day to see how Colorado's changing light affects the color.



TREND TO WATCH: THE WARMTH OF WOOD

Wood-inspired accents are bringing warmth and texture back to exterior design. James Hardie's new TimberHue Collection offers a two-tone, stained-wood look that can be used to introduce natural-looking warmth on gables, accent walls and other architectural features.

Pairing wood-inspired details with deeper siding colors creates a layered, custom look that feels right at home in Colorado.



Layer in Warmth, Texture & Light

Fall curb appeal isn't about decorating your home for one season. It's about using color, texture and thoughtful details to create an exterior that feels warm and inviting long after the leaves are gone.

Try these design updates to give your exterior more depth this season.

1. Bring in Natural Texture

Stone, warm wood tones and wood-inspired accents can soften larger areas of siding and give an exterior more dimension. Consider highlighting gables, entryways or other architectural details instead of using one material across the entire home.

2. Warm Up Your Exterior Lighting

With daylight getting shorter, fall is a great time to evaluate exterior lighting. Warm fixtures around the front door, garage and walkways can highlight architectural features while making your home feel more welcoming after sunset.

Make sure pathways and steps are adequately illuminated before snow and ice arrive.

3. Give Your Entryway More Presence

Your front door is one of the easiest places to introduce contrast. Updated hardware, house numbers, lighting or a new door color can change the feel of the entire facade without requiring a complete exterior renovation.

4. Work With Your Landscape

Rather than choosing exterior colors based on a seasonal plant or tree, look at the larger Colorado landscape surrounding your home. Natural stone, evergreens, native grasses and wood tones can all provide inspiration for an exterior palette that works throughout the year.



Design Tip: Not sure how different colors or materials will work together? Homestead's 3D Hover renderings allow you to visualize changes on your actual home before making final design decisions.



Before the First Freeze

Colorado weather can change quickly. Fall is one of the best times to walk around your home and identify small exterior issues before freezing temperatures, snow and ice have a chance to make them worse.

☐ Inspect Your Siding

Walk the perimeter of your home and look for loose boards, cracks, gaps, warping or other visible damage. Pay particular attention to areas around windows, doors and transitions between materials.

Changes don't automatically mean you need a replacement, but identifying concerns early gives you time to have them properly evaluated.

☐ Check Windows & Doors for Drafts

As temperatures drop, drafts become much easier to notice. Check around window and door frames for noticeable air movement, damaged weatherstripping or gaps.

If certain rooms consistently feel colder than others, your windows or doors may be contributing to heat loss.

☐ Clean Gutters & Check Drainage

Falling leaves and debris can quickly clog gutters and downspouts. Clear them before winter and make sure water is being directed away from the home's foundation.

It's also a good time to visually check gutters for loose sections, sagging or damage before they're asked to handle snow and ice.

☐ Look at Caulking & Exterior Seals

Check visible sealant around windows, doors and exterior penetrations for cracks, gaps or deterioration. These areas help protect the building envelope from unwanted moisture and air infiltration.

If something looks questionable, have it evaluated rather than simply covering the old material with new caulk.

☐ Look Up

Take a few steps back from your home and inspect areas that are easy to overlook up close — including soffits, fascia, roof edges, upper-story siding and trim.

Look for visible deterioration, staining, loose materials or other changes that may warrant a closer inspection.

☐ Make Your Winter Project List Now

If your inspection reveals aging siding, inefficient windows or an exterior you've been meaning to update, use fall to start planning.

Beginning the design and consultation process now gives you time to understand your options, compare materials and visualize your exterior without making a rushed decision.



Fall Tip: Take photos as you walk around your home. They're an easy way to document areas of concern and can be helpful when discussing your exterior with a professional.



Mountain-Ready Transformation

This full siding replacement gave a Bailey, Colorado home the durability it needed for its demanding foothills environment. After years of high winds and extreme weather, Sean’s aging cedar siding had developed rot, pest damage, and failing sheathing beneath the surface.

We removed the failing cedar, replaced damaged OSB sheathing, improved insulation, and installed **James Hardie Siding in Mountain Sage**. Custom-painted **Rich Espresso trim** and **Versetta Stone** on the chimney added warm contrast and natural texture to the finished exterior.

A Hover 3D rendering helped Sean visualize the siding, trim, and stonework before installation began.

“Homestead Exteriors did an outstanding job. Even in the middle of winter, they kept everything moving and coordinated perfectly with the other contractors. Communication, craftsmanship, and professionalism were all top-notch.” — Sean, Bailey, CO



BEFORE:

Aging cedar siding, rotted wood, pest damage, and failing sheathing.



AFTER:

A reinforced, better-insulated exterior with durable materials and rich, natural curb appeal.



PRODUCTS USED:

- James Hardie Siding (Mountain Sage)
- Custom-Painted Trim (Rich Espresso)
- Versetta Stone
- Chimney Accent

Sean’s home is now structurally reinforced, visually refreshed, and better prepared for Colorado’s demanding mountain conditions — a transformation designed to look beautiful and perform for years to come.



Plan Now. Protect Your Home for the Seasons Ahead.

Fall has a way of revealing what your home needs before winter arrives. Maybe you've noticed a drafty window as temperatures begin to drop. Maybe aging siding is showing its wear. Or maybe you've simply spent another year thinking about an exterior you'd love to change. Whatever stage you're in, fall is a great time to start the conversation.

At Homestead Exteriors, our approach begins with understanding your home, your priorities and your vision. We'll help you explore materials, colors and design options so you can make an informed decision without feeling pressured to rush the process.

Here's how to get started:

- ☐ Schedule your consultation at homestead-exteriors.com
- ☐ Explore siding, window and door options with our team
- ☐ See your ideas come to life with a custom 3D Hover rendering
- ☐ Join our seasonal newsletter for homeowner tips and design inspiration



Prepare for winter. Plan for what's next.

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