

Overhead Statements

Ceilings in today's custom homes offer dramatic opportunities to extend personality. Whether through height, angles, trim or other visuals, what goes overhead can make all the difference in how rooms look and feel.

Conventional Ceiling

Usually 8 feet high, conventional ceilings may be either flat (look just like the walls) or textured, most often called "popcorn" (sprayed with particles that look like painted popcorn kernels.) In a custom home, the bottom floor ceilings may be extended a foot or more, and adorned with one or more of the following extras:

Moulding

Conventional mouldings are one piece, one or two inch, pieces of wood that cover the edges where the sheetrock touches ceilings and floors. In custom homes, mouldings can be wider, with two, three or four pieces stacked on top of each other for a more elaborate effect.

Cathedral Ceiling and Vaulted Ceiling

A cathedral ceiling provides a high sloping line up to the top of the house. A vaulted ceiling extends a room upward, and often includes angles or sloping lines. Both provide a spacious feeling and make rooms feel larger. More often found in first floor living or family rooms, they are also being employed in dining rooms, master bedrooms and master baths.

Tray Ceiling

A tray ceiling (also called trey ceiling) is an artistic element added to select ceilings to give them personality and a unique attribute. These ceilings start horizontally at the wall intersection at a standard height and then are built upwards in a cut out resembling a tray. The cut can be vertical or angled, and the tray itself can be 6 inches to a foot or more deep. Sometimes there are a series of steps for an even more dramatic effect. Decorative mouldings or lights may also be incorporated. These are most common in dining rooms and/or master bedrooms. Tray ceilings are found in most custom homes and usually offered as upgrades in production homes.

Cove Ceiling

Cove ceilings have a rounded concave surface. This may be incorporated into arched doorways, hallways, or other areas where a fluid effect is desired. These types of ceilings are an extremely delightful and rare art form - it's difficult to create a perfectly curved ceiling, because most building materials are designed to provide flat surfaces, and it takes extra materials, time, skill and creativity to craft the symmetrical effect.

Beams

Beams are made of wood or other substances which are typically laid across conventional ceilings to add dimension, color, clarity or interest. They can either be load bearing (incorporated into the actual structure of the home) or lighter weight faux beams that are applied purely for visual effect. This type of ceiling effect is not as popular as the more modern approaches and is more typically applied to rustic décor.

Coffered Ceiling

A coffered ceiling provides the latest approach to a beam-like effect, with a sophisticated twist. Best described as, "creating a raised and indented checkerboard across the ceiling," a coffered ceiling is usually created by framing a series of interconnected vertical and horizontal lines across the ceiling. The lines are then covered in sheetrock and finished similar to a normal ceiling. The individual boxes are then often trimmed with moulding - layering of which can be wider and thicker as the price goes up, especially in very high-end estate homes. A lighting fixture or fixtures is usually incorporated. This type of ceiling is not nearly as common as a tray ceiling, but is more common than cove ceilings or beams.

Come Experience for Yourself

Stanton Homes offer a variety of ceilings – sometimes in a single home, such as the Santa Clara: Coffered in the living room, tray in the dining room, vaulted in the master bath, an intricate connected tray in the master bedroom and private sitting room, and a rare cove ceiling in the hallway.

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