# WHY BRICK IS AFFORDABLE

FEATURES & BENEFITS + SQ.FT. COST + CONFIGURATION





## BENEFITS OR BUST





**COMPARING PROS & CONS OF EXTERIOR CLADDING MATERIALS** 

It's important to consider the **short term and long term benefits of exterior claddings** before deciding which is best for your new home. For example, while one material may be more expensive initially, others may accrue extra costs in the long-term due to poor performance or continual maintenance.















Plastic Vinyl

PROS: Very low initial cost; easy to install.

CONS: Fades, dents, tears and rots from poor weathering; prone to wind, fire, and moisture damage; poor energy efficiency, noise retention; requires continual maintenance; low sustainability; lower resale values.



Fiber Cement

PROS: Low initial cost; no special support needed for installation.

CONS: Unsightly seams may be visible; prone to wind, fire and mosture damage; likely to fade over time due to weathering; requires regular maintenance; low sustainability.



Stucco

PROS: Offers a variety of color options; improved energy efficiency and noise retention.

CONS: Prone to cracks, holes and even insect infestation; may have higher insurance premiums; requires continual maintenance; average sustainability.



PROS: Naturally made; offers a wide range of color and texture options; high energy efficiency and noise retention; may have lower insurance premiums; no maintenance; high sustainability.

Clay Brick **CONS:** Average initial cost.



PROS: Naturally made; offers various design options; high energy efficiency; low maintenance; high sustainability.

**CONS:** High initial cost; requires special trade skill to install.

Genuine Stone



# **SQ.FT. SHOWDOWN**





Virtually every building material — whether it's roofing, siding, or flooring — is priced by a sq.ft. value. But for decades brick has been priced by the thousand sold, which can be very confusing and ultimately perceived as too expensive. Therefore, it's important to understand how the cost of brick per sq.ft. compares to other common exterior cladding materials.

#### **COMMON EXTERIOR CLADDING MATERIALS**



**Plastic Vinyl** \$3.05\* / SQ.FT.



**Fiber Cement** \$4.60° / SOFT



Stucco **\$7.32**\* / SQ FT



**Genuine Stone** \$22.33\* / SOFT

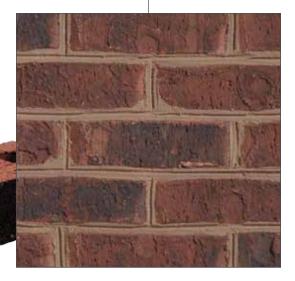
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As shown, the price of brick per sq.ft. is competitive when compared to other exterior cladding materials. While slightly higher, brick is the only cladding material outside of genuine stone that is naturally produced.

Also, the increase in cost by the sq.ft. is saved

throughout the life of the home

thanks to inherent features and benefits, lower insurance premiums, virtually no maintenance costs, and higher resale values.



**Clay Brick** \$9.25 / SQ.FT.



## THAT CONFIGURES



CONFIGURATION DETERMINES A FINAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION

The configuration of a home will determine the total cost of construction. For example, while brick is higher in sq.ft. cost of wall area (save for genuine stone), **the total cost of construction of a brick home costs less than 5.6%**\* more than a home built with plastic vinyl, fiber cement or stucco.

#### **CONFIGURATION A EXTERIOR CLADDING MATERIALS** | Total % of Construction Cost 1-Story | 1,369 SQ.FT. of wall area **Plastic Vinyl Fiber Cement** Stucco **Clay Brick Genuine Stone** Installed Cost of Cladding \$3.05 \$4.60 \$7.32 \$9.25 \$22.33 for Wall Area / SQ.FT. **Total Cost of Installed** \$4,177.47 \$6,294.36 \$9,993.71 \$12,662.22 \$30,567.29 **Cladding Material Total Cost of** \$219,867.07° \$221,989.02 \$225,712.70° \$228,354.87° \$246,261.39<sup>11</sup> **House Construction** 3.7% 2.8% 1.2% 7.3% **Total Cost Difference (%)** BRICK > VINYL BRICK > FIBER BRICK > STUCCO STONE > BRICK

#### **CONFIGURATION B EXTERIOR CLADDING MATERIALS** | Total % of Construction Cost **Plastic Vinyl Fiber Cement** Stucco **Clay Brick Genuine Stone** 2-Story | 2,266 SQ.FT. of wall area Installed Cost of Cladding \$3.05 \$4.60 \$7.32 \$9.25 \$22.33 for Wall Area / SQ.FT. **Total Cost of Installed** \$6,914.90 \$10,418.95 \$16,542.41 \$20,959.55 \$50,597.48 **Cladding Material Total Cost of** \$238,444.73 \$241,957.03° \$248,120.55° \$282,133.21<sup>111</sup> \$**252,493.93 House Construction** 5.6% 4.2% 1.7% 10.5% **Total Cost Difference (%)** BRICK > VINYL BRICK > FIBER BRICK > STUCCO STONE > BRICK



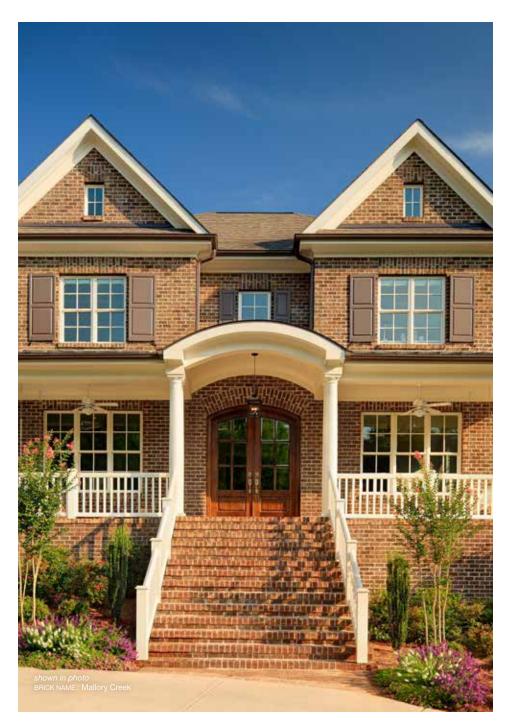
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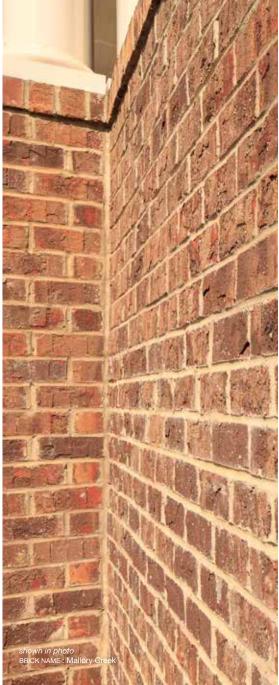


COMPARING THE MONTHLY RATES OF EXTERIOR CLADDINGS

When comparing the features and benefits, sq.ft. value, home configuration, and total cost of construction for each exterior cladding material; **the comparative monthly cost of building a brick home can be very affordable.** 







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