

Framing Your Backyard

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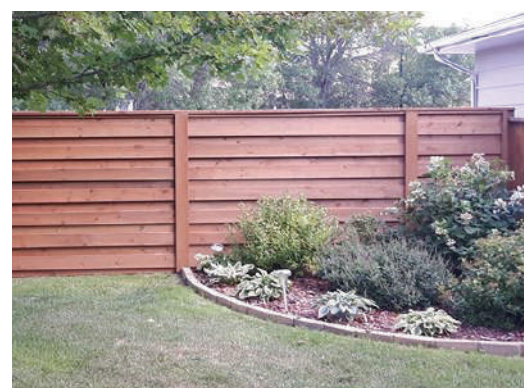
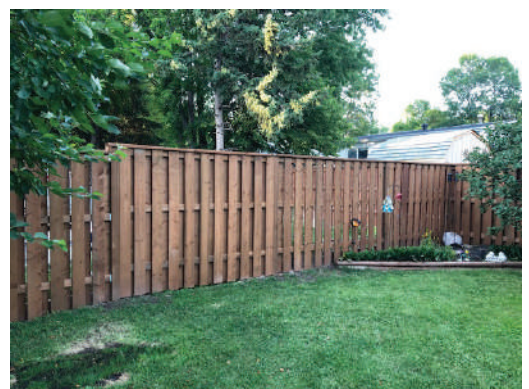
When homeowners think about installing a wood fence, the image that usually comes to mind is a standard vertical privacy fence with boards placed tightly together. While this style remains popular for good reason, it's only one of many options available. Wood fencing is incredibly versatile, offering a range of designs that can enhance privacy, improve airflow, complement your home's architecture, and elevate the overall look of your outdoor space. Westman Fencing works with homeowners to design wood fences that are not only functional, but visually appealing and tailored to each property.

One popular alternative to the traditional fence is the friendly neighbour, or shadow box, style. This design uses alternating boards on either side of the rails, creating a fence that looks finished from both directions. You can also achieve this by staggering the panels instead of each board. It's an ideal choice for shared property lines, as both neighbours enjoy the same clean appearance. The slight spacing between boards also allows for airflow while still providing a strong sense of privacy.

Horizontal fencing has grown in popularity in recent years, offering a modern and contemporary aesthetic. A horizontal fence with overlapping boards provides excellent privacy while creating clean, strong lines that visually widen a yard. For homeowners who want a lighter feel, a horizontal slat fence can be built with controlled spacing between boards, allowing light and air to pass through while still defining the boundary of the space.

Vertical fencing can also be customized beyond the standard look. A vertical fence with exposed posts adds character and structure by making the posts a visible design feature rather than hiding them behind boards. This style creates rhythm along the fence line and gives a more intentional, crafted appearance. Adding a top rail to a vertical fence with exposed posts further enhances the design, tying everything together visually while also adding strength and durability.

For those who want privacy with a decorative touch, a vertical fence topped with lattice is an excellent option. The solid lower portion of the fence provides seclusion, while the lattice above softens the overall look and allows light and airflow into the yard. This style is especially popular around patios and gardens and can even support climbing plants for a more natural finish.





Another classic option is the round top fence, which features boards shaped to create a gentle curve along the top. This subtle detail adds charm and elegance, making the fence feel welcoming while still serving its purpose. It's a great choice for homeowners looking to boost curb appeal without sacrificing practicality.

In addition to wood fencing, Westman Fencing offers a variety of other fencing solutions to meet different needs and budgets. These include chain link fencing for security and affordability, vinyl fencing for a low-maintenance

and long-lasting option, and ornamental metal fencing that combines strength with decorative appeal. With experience in both residential and commercial projects, Westman Fencing provides complete installation and repair services, ensuring every fence is built to last.

Choosing the right fence is about more than just marking property lines. With the wide range of wood fence styles available, homeowners can create an outdoor space that reflects their style, complements their home, and meets their functional needs for years to come.



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