

22 Detached Garage Ideas to Elevate Curb Appeal

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If you're thinking about adding a [detached garage](#) to your property, note that there is truly an option to suit every home style. Whether it's installing colorful garage doors or having a functional second story, there are many different routes you can take.

Read on to see 22 detached garage ideas to inspire you.

01 Keep It Classic

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This detached garage contains the same light gray shutters present on the main portion of this classic white home. It's simple yet makes a statement with the surrounding greenery and timeless light fixtures throughout.

02 Build a Mini Farmhouse

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Build your own farmhouse-styled detached garage, using classic red colors and barn doors. Though this one can just house one vehicle, there's plenty of space for equipment storage. Whether you're looking to set up a woodworking bench, tuck away bikes, and much more.

03 Add Dormers for Architectural Effect

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Dormer windows will bring extra light into this spacious garage and also add architectural intrigue to the building. Sometimes, dormers are solely added to a home for aesthetic purposes and are not always connected to an upstairs room.

04 Don't Forget About Lighting

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Many people will place sconces above their garage doors to light the way at night. This industrial-looking design is a popular pick and serves a decorative purpose in addition to a functional one. If you want to add a subtle pop of color, coordinate all the doors to be a similar wooden color.

05 Include a Breezeway

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A breezeway contains this detached garage to the main home, making it easy to enter and exit as needed without being exposed to the elements. All the wooden features are stained a dark color, which creates a beautiful contrast against the white brick.

06 Embrace a Favorite Color

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Why not paint your garage doors a cheerful blue? There's nothing wrong with opting for a non-neutral hue in this instance if you find a shade that brings you joy. To keep things looking cohesive, consider drawing from your front door or shutters when selecting a color.

07 Add House-Like Touches

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Bring in house-like touches for your detached garage like positioning a door off to the side. There are also plenty of dormer windows that will allow for natural light to filter through (nobody likes a pitch-dark garage).

08 Come Around Back

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This detached garage appears to be in the back of the main home. In this instance, it's also useful to carve out storage space for backyard essentials: **folding lawn chairs**, sports gear and nets, inflatable pools, and the like.

09 Take a Rustic Approach

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The perfect match for a cabin-style home, this wooden detached garage is nice and rustic. Of course, you could choose to paint the wooden exterior in the color of your choosing, if you long for a pop of color.

10 Use Stone



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Use stone to make an elegant statement. Stone always manages to appear stately, especially when paired with the color black, which shines on the [garage door](#), roof, and more. The dark sconces go with the rest of the design, adding to the cohesive look.

11 Prioritize Continuity



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When designing your detached garage, pay extra attention to ensure that it includes details that are present elsewhere on the exterior of your home. For example, if your front door is rounded, replicate this shape when building the door to the garage to create a sense of continuity.

12 Be Sleek



Anthony Crisafulli

This detached garage features earthy tones and plays to the lush surrounding natural landscape. The wood doors and deep gray exterior suit the garage's sleek, modern profile.

13 Go Parallel



Marty Dine

Here, a classic white detached garage is positioned parallel to the home. Oftentimes, we see detached garages that are perpendicular or off to the side of the house, but there is nothing wrong with leaving just a few feet of space between your home and garage if you prefer that look.

14 Mix Your Materials



Harth Builders

If your home features a stone exterior, utilize this material when constructing your detached garage, too. Of course, don't be afraid to work in other finishes such as paneling and wood.

15 Try a Tudor-Inspired Garage



Design by Landis End Development / Photo by Rick Hammer

This detached garage draws a bit from [Tudor style architecture](#), which is characterized by steeply pointed and often thatched roofs like the one shown here.

16 Opt for a Modern Garage Door



Design by WNH Design + Build / Photo by Stacy Zarin Goldberg

If contemporary style speaks to you, look no further than this project. The detached garage features a large glass door that is a modern alternative to standard wood.

17 Design a Cute Cottage-Like Garage



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If you've been wanting a coastal or cottage core aesthetic, consider using your detached garage to recreate the look. Experiment with various materials and colors until you find what you love.

18 Try a Trellis



Design by InSite Builders & Remodeling / Photo by Stacy Zarin Goldberg

Jazz up the exterior of your detached garage by [incorporating a trellis](#) with dreamy-looking vines. It's an excellent way to add some character and cottage-inspired charm to your yard. Plant your favorite flowers or shrubs in front to create some structure around your garage.

19 Make Use of a Second Story

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Detached garages don't always have to be one story. If you're looking for more space, consider expanding your garage with a second floor and building a sleek stairway to make going up easier. This area would make for an excellent [in-law suite](#), study, or workout studio, if space allows.

20 Go for a Subtle Color

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Design by [Spence Construction](#) / Photo by [Vaughan Group](#)

If you don't want your garage to pop out too much, go for a subtle color like this navy blue. It'll blend in seamlessly with your house and you won't get tired of looking at it for years to come.

21 Add Windows

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Design by [Heston Architects](#) / Photo by [Ascendant Imaging](#)

Just like with dormers, upstairs windows in a garage may not always indicate the existence of a second floor. However, windows can still add character and intrigue to any space.

22 Pair Brick and Vinyl

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This detached garage features a brick front with vinyl siding, which is a more affordable material. The brick still makes a strong impression and is what is primarily viewable from the road.