

The Roofing Materials the Professionals Use

Description

Although a professional can take care of our roofing, it does not hurt knowing just what the choice of materials is so that we can have more of a say in what is used. [Eagle Eye Roofing](#), as a professional roofing contractor, can advise what you need to ensure that you make the right choice for your circumstances. Several factors determine what materials are used. This article will consider some of the issues regarding materials so that, together with our roofing professional, we can make an informed choice.

Shingles

Roofing shingles are used to create a roof that is both watertight and resistant to wind. This combination will ensure that your roof is protected from environmental damage. In other words, bad weather. A storm is your main enemy as that can cause significant damage to a roof that has not been well constructed or maintained.

Shingles are available as asphalt, metal, clay, wood, or slate. All of these kinds will protect your home equally well. However, some of them will perform better in certain climates. This is something that a professional roofing contractor will be able to advise you on.

In comparison to their cost, the roofing shingle is a good choice when it comes to withstanding the elements of the weather and lasting for a significant period. The asphalt shingle is a popular choice among roofers and their customers because it is inexpensive and easy to fit. Apart from that, it is widely available to buy. For these reasons, it is considered the most popular roofing material in the U.S. So, if you are struggling to know what to choose for your roof, nobody is likely to advise you against this option. It depends on the look and the longevity that you are trying to achieve.

Natural Slate

For a complete contrast, a natural [skifer](#) (slate) tile will provide a natural period look, and instead of lasting around 20 years, will last for more like 100 years. That's an entire lifetime! And despite the passing of time and changing fashions, slate will fit right in.

One obstacle to utilizing slate for some people can be the cost of the material, as it is one of the most expensive of all the roofing materials. Professionals will only recommend it if you have the budget for it. In terms of how it lasts, it can be considered a long-term investment. If you want to put money into a house, then this will be the way to achieve that. No buyer can ignore the fact that the roof is sorted for a while, even if they need to spend significant money on other areas of a house. You could forgive anyone for putting their priorities into the roof of their house. It is, after all, not just a curbside feature but an insurance company's friend in that it protects the household fittings and contents. A good roof is a householder's friend, too, because it keeps the heat in that we spend so much money generating.

[Your roofing contractor can help source your slate.](#) It is present in lots of places around the world. In the U.S., it is found in Vermont, New York, and Virginia.

Tiles

Like shingles, tiles come in many different forms. We primarily have a choice of clay, concrete, metal, double style roman roof tiles, or metal tiles. Not forgetting slate tiles that we mentioned above. Slate can be used in its natural form as a slate tile, or as shingles.

It should be said that it is more time-consuming to fit individual tiles than sheets of shingles, so this will invariably increase the cost of a job. This time will need to be charged for. It is a nicer look to have individual tiles, but a very close effect can be achieved with shingles. Your choice, as always, will be about affordability. Either way, you will want to put your money into having your roof fitted properly. This should be more important to you than the materials because a badly fitted roof will not prove to be effective when it comes to storms, persistent rain, or snow.

Insulation

It is only right to conclude this article talking about insulation. Without it, a roof is not complete in that it will not keep enough of the heat in to heat your home efficiently.

Glass wool remains one of the commonest insulation materials used by roofers. It is lightweight and a good insulator. It can only be used, though, where there is roofing underlay. It is best installed by a professional as it can irritate the handler during installation. Rock wool has a slightly better density and so is better for sound insulation. Spray foam insulation known as PUR is another option. This will fill every gap effortlessly. Then, if you are wanting to exploit the space that is beneath the floor, insulation boards or panels are the answer.

So, mentioned above are some materials that will be used by professionals when constructing, repairing, or insulating your roof. It is a good idea to know about them, then you will know what questions to ask when you are talking roofs with your constructor. That way, you can achieve a roof that you are both happy with.

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