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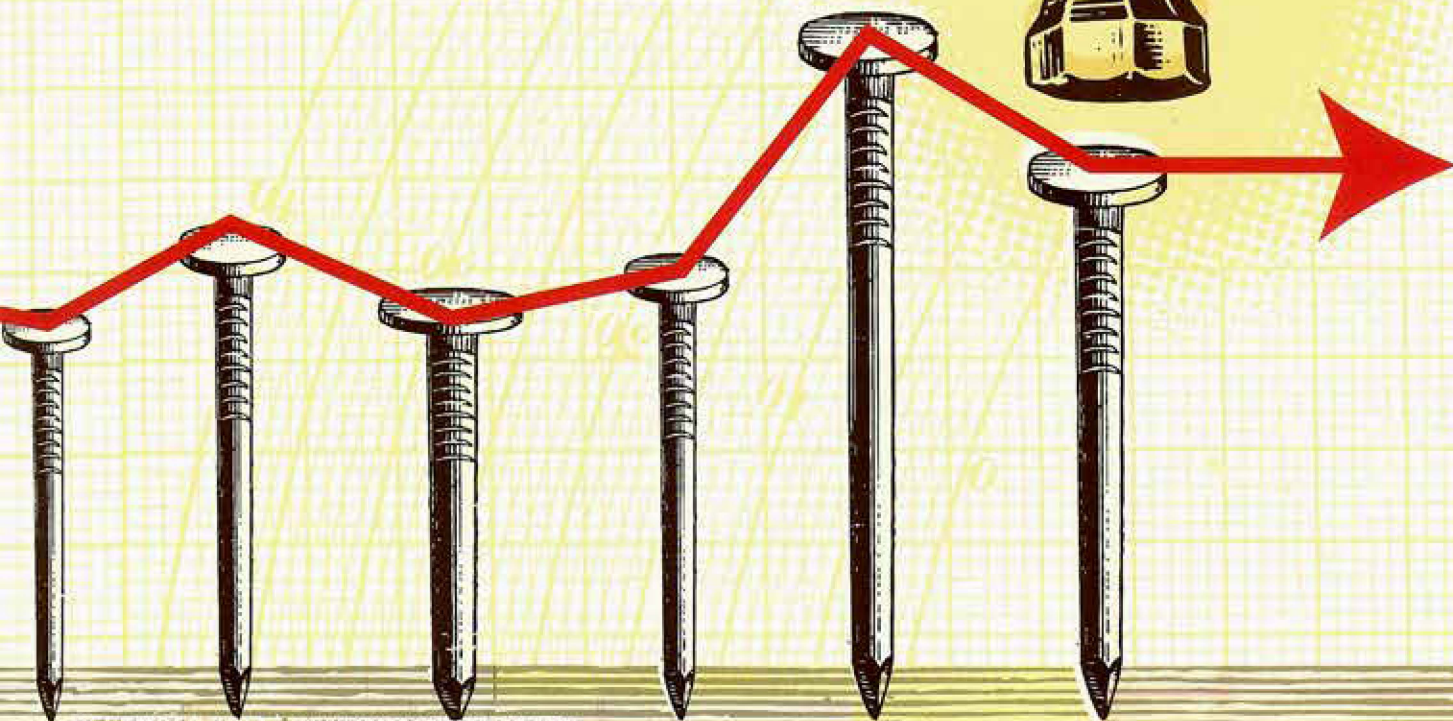
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Tall & Transom

Ideas for adding the look of transoms without the cost

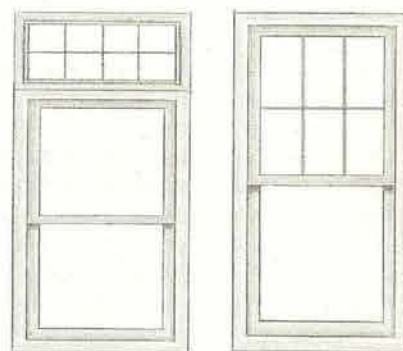
TRANSOMS OFFER AN ATTRACTIVE way to add interest and bring much-appreciated daylight into homes, but they also increase the cost of a project because they require rooms with ceiling heights of 8 feet or higher and the budget for the transoms themselves. Here are some ideas to create a similar look more cost-effectively.

- The tops of windows are usually aligned for a consistent flow. However, when adding transoms, a new height is established and the remaining windows must be well planned to maintain that flowing appearance. On the other hand, the **transoms could stand alone** as a unique feature.

The inclusion, or absence, of muntins allows transoms to **adapt to architectural styles** ranging from traditional to modern.

- Adding transoms to **double-hung windows** creates a stack of three "boxes" — an outcome that is too busy for some people. One option, with just as much glass, and less cost, is to use a single, taller, double-hung window with muntins only in the upper sash. This helps achieve the look of a separate, transom-like window.
- With **casement windows**, switching from standard muntins to the short-fractional style creates a look similar to a transom, but without the cost.
- Also **consider how the muntins look from the outside**. When muntins are on the exterior of the glass, they're more visible and are just as attractive as the inside. Standard widths are about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Opt for muntins slightly larger than 1 inch if you want them to stand out more. Spending more money here gives the muntins pop and pizzazz. —Mark Wyatt is the president and founder of Wyatt Drafting & Design, in Warsaw, Ind.

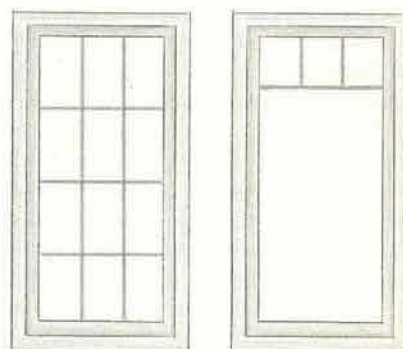
Double-Hung Windows



More parts, more cost, busy looking.

Same size, fewer parts, and less cost.

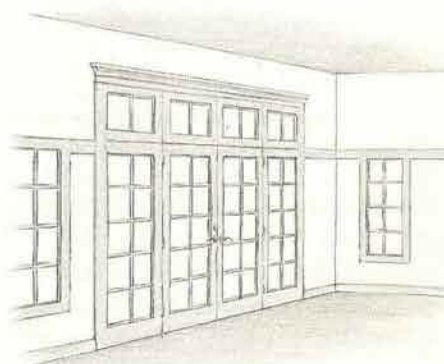
Casement Windows



Standard muntin pattern

Short, fractional muntins

Standing Tall



Transoms make standard-height doors look taller.

Take It Outside



Glass reflects sunlight like a mirror, so the interior muntins are hidden by the glare.



On the outside of the glass, muntins are always in view.