

# GLOSSARY OF MOULDING TERMS

## Apron

An either plain or decorated piece of interior trim found directly below the stool of a window. Apron sometimes is used to describe any paneling found on the exterior of a building.

## Arch

A curved and sometimes pointed structural member used to span an opening. Arches are usually classified either according to historical criteria (e.g., Tudor arch, Moorish arch, Gothic arch or according to the curve of the underside of the arch.

## Band

Any flat horizontal member that projects slightly from the surface of which it is a part; often used to mark a division in a wall. Sometimes the portion between bands is decorated with a variety of ornamental design elements. Band is often used synonymously with the term fillet.

## Baseboard

A plain or molded board that covers the gap between an interior wall or partition and the floor; also serves as a means of protecting the base of a wall from mopping, scuffing, kicking, etc. Synonyms: skirting, skirting board, mopboard, scrubboard, washboard, fascia

## Base shoe

A molded strip that conceals the gap between the bottom of the baseboard and the floor. Synonyms: base shoe molding, shoe molding, floor molding, carpet strip, baseboard shoe

## Casing

The finished visible framework around a door or window. Synonyms: door casing, window casing

## Chair rail

A wooden molding that runs along an interior wall at the level of the back of a chair; acts to protect plastered or papered walls from accidental scuffing or tearing by the backs of chairs. In houses with interior wall paneling the chair rail serves as the crowning member of the dado. Syno-

## Corner blocks

Blocks positioned at the corners of either window or door casings; often treated with design elements such as paterae (oval disks).

## Cove

A concave or canted molding located in the area of transition between wall and ceiling. A cove ceiling is one in which there is a smooth concave transition between wall and ceiling. Synonyms: cove molding

## Crown molding

The crowning or finishing molding; most often located in the area of transition between wall and ceiling, or on the extreme top edge of an exterior wall. The cyma recta cap molding at the top of a classical cornice

## Plinth block

A small, slightly projecting block at the bottom of the door trim.

## Stool

The casing or molded piece running along the base of a window and contacting the bottom rail on the inside of a building. Synonyms: window stool, window board, elbow board, stool casing