



Charleston Charm



Charleston Charm Is Beautifully Enhanced With Fiber Cement

When Lew Oliver Inc. and Pfahl Architects were tasked with designing a unique home experience in Belmont, North Carolina they drew inspiration from the charm and splendor of old Charleston. The result was Eagle Park a “turn of the century experience” home development. Here at Eagle Park Victorian inspired homes are nested close together and near the street with wide sidewalks and beautiful architectural street lighting. Driveways and garages are situated at the back of the homes, providing a unique unencumbered vista of the homes’ front facades. The grace and allure of old Charleston is brilliantly reproduced at Eagle Park, yet when you look just below the surface one quickly realizes that these homes are afforded all the luxuries of modern technology.

One such technological luxury is low-maintenance siding. Eagle Park Homes, the project developer wanted to use fiber cement siding for most of the homes’ exteriors because of the ease of installation and the low-maintenance factor. The first home in Eagle Park utilized 5/16” fiber cement shakes. In keeping with the original Charleston inspiration, the architects specified a laced corner without corner trim. The thin 5/16” shakes did not lend themselves to clean laced corners, plus on large exterior expanses, waves in the siding appeared due to the thinness of the product.

Looking for a solution, the developer found Nichiha fiber cement lap siding panels. “We’re now using Nichiha Sierra Premium Shake and Sierra Premium Smooth for most of the exteriors at Eagle Park,” notes general manager Tim Lowe. “We discovered during installation of the Nichiha panels that due to the thicker one-half inch thickness, the panel is more ridged and easier to work with, especially when doing corners. Plus the Nichiha panels lay flatter and are less wavy than thinner panels due to its thickness”.



Sierra Premium Smooth painted



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Another advantage of using the Nichiha shake and smooth panels was added curb appeal. “We like the one-half inch thickness of the Nichiha product because it gives a better shadow line than other fiber cement siding products” added Lowe. The deeper shadow line of the thicker Nichiha panel and deeper grooves in the shake panels adds eye-appeal and rich detail to the homes of Eagle Park.

Nichiha Sierra Premium™ Shake and Smooth boards come factory primed and sealed on six sides. Additionally Nichiha shake panels are available factory stained in Caramel, Charcoal Gray, Emerald Wheat, Macadamia, Mahogany, Maple, Redwood or Weathered Gray.



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