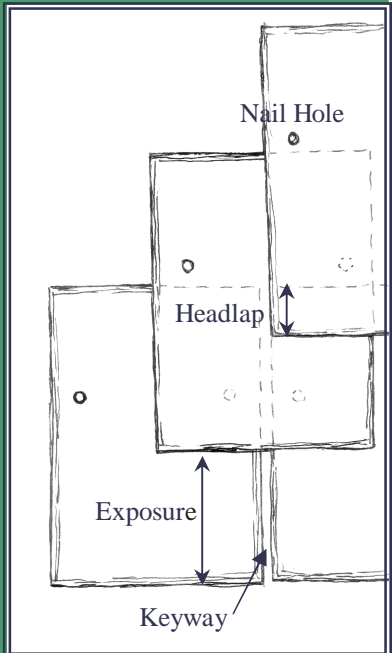




The fundamental function of any roof is to protect the structure beneath. Only secondary are the factors of beauty, permanence, and design.

Natural slate roofing is a product that is able to incorporate each unique characteristic yet with a foremost focus on protecting the roof. In the layout of a slate roof each roofing tile overlaps the one below allowing for a double layer of protection across the entire roof. (In portions of the roof there is a triple overlap.) This unique application provides the structure with the needed protection and the platform for design elements. Patterns, graduated thickness, random widths, color variety are a few examples of architectural details known only to the slate roof.

Slate is not merely a building material but a natural way for sustainability and grace.

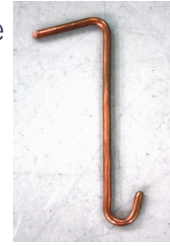


Slate Roofing Maintenance and Repair

Broken slates do need to be repaired in a timely fashion, but with a traditional slate installation the double overlap will provide you with protection until the slate is repaired.

Broken slates may be repaired with a slate hook or copper bib. (For information on how these are installed please visit our website www.virginiaslate.com)

A properly installed slate roof will have the most broken slates (usually do to hairline fractures) the first year, and less each subsequent year.



Slate hook

Slate roofing is a time honored tradition, with unique concepts and applications. Be sure that your roofer is knowledgeable about common techniques in applying and repairing a slate roof.

Please visit our website for more information, including slate installation manuals, Hip and Ridge worksheets, Slate size table, testing results and video demonstrations.

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When a structure is built with integrity, form, and beauty; diligence should be taken to insure every detail and element are well matched.

For years slate roofing was one of a handful of roofing products available; its use was widespread providing structures with stability, longevity, and added beauty. Yet synthetic alternatives have made their way into the market differing our way of thinking about how we build.

Many of these products attempt to imitate natural slate with plastic composites complete with promises of expanded lifetimes, and ultimate protection, yet many of these tiles have failed to live up to their expectations.

Slate is now more readily available than ever before with pricing that is comparable to most of its dimensional roofing competitors. But with slate also comes a proven record of longevity, fireproof, waterproof, and permanence.

Often imitated, never duplicated.



The combination of several different slate tiles provided this roof with a unique and creative presence.



The architects for this structure made sure that was built to last with timelessness and permanence.



In this slate roof, the roofer created a "shadow line" by nailing a double layer or slate every eighth course.

Natural slate roofing is an excellent product from an environmental standpoint. Besides being a minimally processed material, slate also has superb durability: properly installed slate roofs last 70 to 100 or more years with only minor maintenance. Additionally, slates can easily be salvaged and reused on new building projects.

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Slate may also be used as an architectural element in a small section of the structure for added drama. In this unique slate installation random overlaps were installed on a small porch roof giving the building a more eclectic look.