

STAIRCASE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

SERRA'S STAINING & PAINTING

Five renovation directions to help you choose with confidence



From Walls to Wood, We've Got You Covered.

Choose the feeling first

Mix and match the stain, posts and pickets after selecting a direction.

1

Compare the five looks

Focus on the complete staircase, not one small component.

2

Save favourite elements

You may like the colour from one option and the railing from another.

3

Confirm the project scope

Refinish, replace, reshape or rebuild depends on the existing stairs.

4

Finalize with samples

Approve stain and paint samples in the home before full application.

IMPORTANT

Images are design concepts, not completed Serra's projects. Final selections, measurements and installation details require an on-site assessment.



SCAN FOR INSTAGRAM
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OPTION 1

Classic Split Finish

Representative concept: final result depends on the existing staircase and selected materials.



BEFORE

AFTER

RENOVATION LEVEL

Refresh / Upgrade

BEST FOR

Traditional homes and clients who want a timeless, bright result.

TYPICAL SCOPE

Sand and stain treads, handrail and posts; paint risers, stringers and wood pickets white.

DESIGN DECISION

Choose stain tone and decide whether existing posts stay natural or become a split finish.

CLIENT CHECK

Do you prefer this overall look, or only certain elements?

OPTION 2

Modern Transitional

Representative concept: final result depends on the existing staircase and selected materials.



BEFORE

AFTER

RENOVATION LEVEL

Upgrade

BEST FOR

Clients who want a major visual change without a fully custom railing system.

TYPICAL SCOPE

Refinish wood; replace wood pickets with simple black iron balusters; reshape or replace posts as needed.

DESIGN DECISION

Straight square iron feels clean; decorative knuckles add a slightly traditional accent.

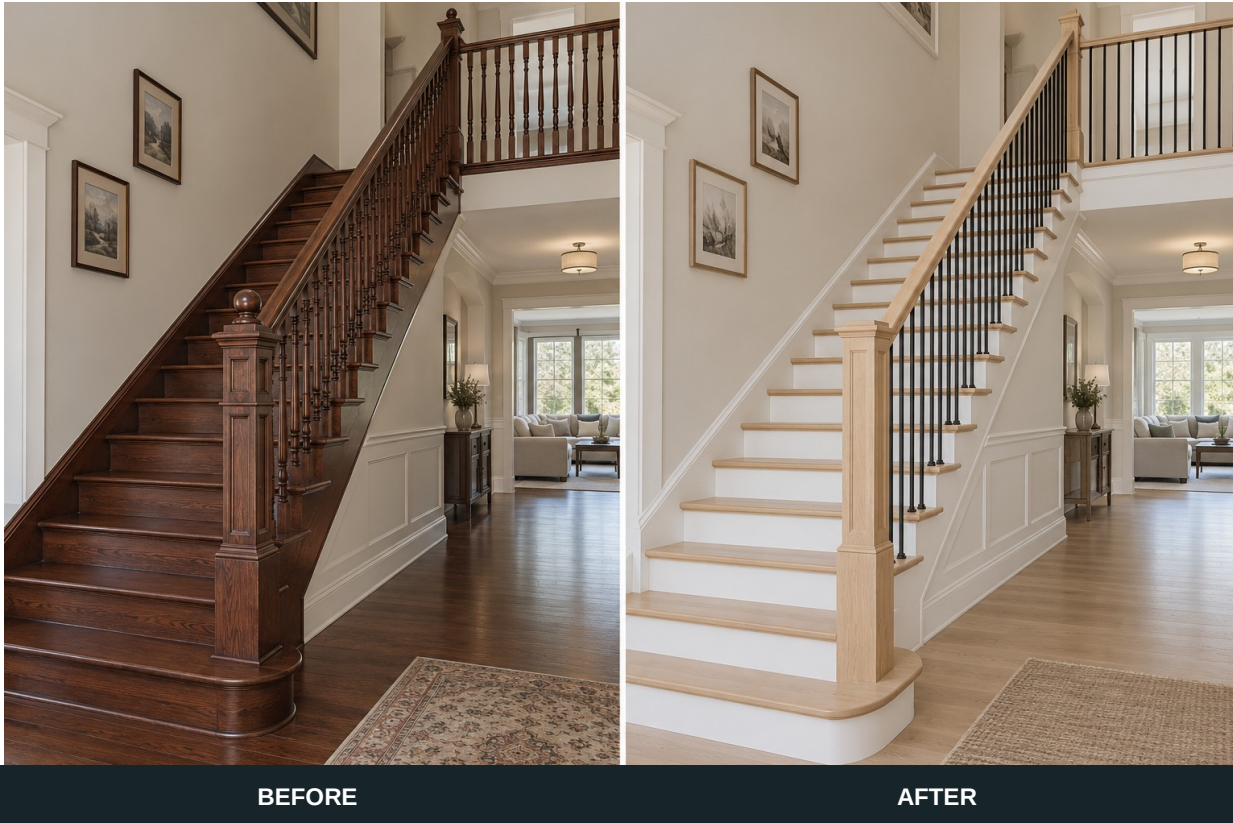
CLIENT CHECK

Do you prefer this overall look, or only certain elements?

OPTION 3

Natural Oak Modern

Representative concept: final result depends on the existing staircase and selected materials.



RENOVATION LEVEL

Upgrade / Transformation

BEST FOR

Light floors, neutral interiors and homeowners who prefer an airy Scandinavian-inspired look.

TYPICAL SCOPE

Lighten or replace wood elements; use simple posts, slim handrail and restrained black metal pickets.

DESIGN DECISION

Existing red oak may not become pale white oak without colour variation; samples are essential.

CLIENT CHECK

Do you prefer this overall look, or only certain elements?

OPTION 4

High-Contrast Modern

Representative concept: final result depends on the existing staircase and selected materials.



BEFORE



AFTER

RENOVATION LEVEL

Upgrade

BEST FOR

Bold interiors where black architectural details repeat through doors, lighting or hardware.

TYPICAL SCOPE

Dark-stain treads; white risers/stringers; satin-black handrail, posts and metal pickets.

DESIGN DECISION

Decide between stained dark wood and painted black components based on grain and condition.

CLIENT CHECK

Do you prefer this overall look, or only certain elements?

OPTION 5

Luxury Glass Conversion

Representative concept: final result depends on the existing staircase and selected materials.



BEFORE

AFTER

RENOVATION LEVEL

Full Transformation

BEST FOR

Clients seeking an open, high-end finish and a visually lighter railing.

TYPICAL SCOPE

New or refinished woodwork, tempered glass panels, compatible posts/handrail and engineered hardware.

DESIGN DECISION

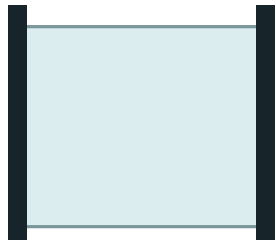
Glass needs more cleaning and typically carries the highest material and installation cost.

CLIENT CHECK

Do you prefer this overall look, or only certain elements?

Glass railing and panel options

Choose the mounting style, frame colour and handrail treatment as one coordinated system.

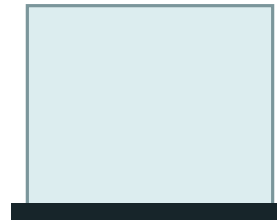


POST + GLASS

Glass panels captured between wood or metal posts.

DESIGN FEEL

Adaptable, balanced and familiar.

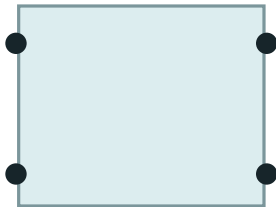


BASE-SHOE GLASS

Panels seated in a slim continuous base channel.

DESIGN FEEL

Minimal and distinctly high-end.



STANDOFF GLASS

Panels fixed at the stair fascia with round mounts.

DESIGN FEEL

A light, floating appearance.



GLASS + TOP RAIL

Panels finished with a wood or metal handrail.

DESIGN FEEL

Coordinates beautifully with flooring.

Glass must be templated and installed as a complete safety system using suitable glass and compatible hardware.

COMPONENT SAMPLER

Posts, pickets and handrails

Visual profiles are representative. Confirm actual product availability and dimensions before ordering.



NEWEL POSTS

- Traditional turned
- Box / panel
- Craftsman square
- Modern slim square
- Fluted

PICKETS / BALUSTERS

- Square wood
- Turned or fluted wood
- Straight square iron
- Single-knuckle iron
- Decorative basket iron

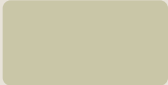
HANDRAILS

- Traditional plowed
- Round modern
- Rectangular modern
- Bread-loaf profile

Tip: simple profiles read modern; turned and decorative profiles read traditional.

Choose the grain, colour and character

View real samples beside the flooring under the home's actual lighting before approving a finish.

SPECIES	GRAIN	FINISH DIRECTION	DESIGN FEEL
 WHITE OAK	Straight grain	Natural to medium brown	Modern / premium
 RED OAK	Open, visible grain	Warm natural to dark	Versatile / familiar
 MAPLE	Fine, subtle grain	Natural or carefully toned	Clean / contemporary
 ASH	Bold, open grain	Natural to medium	Bright / distinctive
 WALNUT	Rich flowing grain	Clear finish or light toning	Luxury / dark
 POPLAR	Soft, subtle grain	Usually painted	Paint-grade value

Maple can stain unevenly, and existing red oak cannot always be made to look exactly like pale white oak. Approve a physical sample first.

Common component sizes

These are shopping and design ranges - not a substitute for measured drawings or code review.

WOOD PICKETS

About 1 1/4 in to 1 3/4 in square

Slim to substantial; turned shapes need extra visual room.

IRON PICKETS

Often 1/2 in square

Straight, knuckle or basket styles; verify compatible shoes and holes.

NEWEL POSTS

Commonly about 3 in to 4 1/2 in square

Larger posts feel traditional; slim posts feel contemporary.

HANDRAILS

Common profiles roughly 2 in to 3 in wide

Grip shape, wall clearance and continuity matter.

GUARD / PICKET LAYOUT

Site-measured and code-checked

Openings, height, stair geometry and fastening must be verified.

GLASS PANELS

Custom templated after framing is fixed

Use safety glass and hardware specified for the application.

Final railing design must be confirmed for the home, stair configuration and applicable Ontario requirements before fabrication or installation.

CLIENT SELECTION FORM

Build your preferred combination

Tap the boxes, add notes, then save or send the completed PDF.

STYLE

☐ Classic ☐ Transitional ☐ Natural Oak ☐ High-Contrast ☐ Glass

WOOD

☐ White Oak ☐ Red Oak ☐ Maple ☐ Ash ☐ Walnut ☐ Paint Grade

RAILING

☐ Wood Pickets ☐ Straight Iron ☐ Decorative Iron ☐ Post + Glass ☐ Base-Shoe Glass ☐ Standoff Glass

SCOPE

☐ Refinish ☐ Partial Replacement ☐ Full Transformation

CLIENT NOTES / COLOUR MATCH / QUESTIONS