

Existing



Japantown's existing buildings range from high-rise residential (top left), two and three story Victorian and modern duplexes (middle left and below), big box retail structures with traditional Japanese design elements (bottom left), and modern retail and residential structures with Japanese-influenced design (below top).

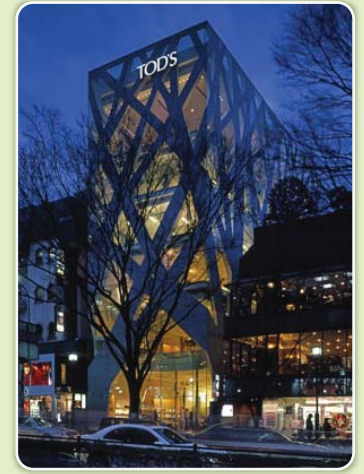


Examples From Elsewhere

These examples are from other American cities that have used Japanese-influenced design, ranging from traditional to modern, and large to small. These examples are neither good nor bad, but allow food for thought about what potential new development in San Francisco's Japantown could look like.



Little Tokyo, LA, California
Proposed Recreation Center



Example of contemporary retail



Example of street-engaging design



Portland, Oregon



Little Tokyo, LA, California

BUILT FORM

The term "built form" describes what a building looks like, how tall it is, how much of the lot it takes up, how far it is set back from the sidewalk and street, how many windows/doors it has visible from the street, and its architectural style. Japantown has a wide range of styles and forms.