

Curb Appeal Starts at the Front Door

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No other part of your home welcomes family and friends like your front door. Today a front door can be your home's calling card as well as play a crucial role in the perceived value of your home. However, most homeowners inherited their front door when they purchased their home and it often is not reflective of their own personal style.

Your front door is the very center of your home's curb appeal and can be as distinctive, classic or stylish as your personality. It's also one of the fastest, easiest and least expensive home improvements you can make. Updating your front door can increase the perceived value of your home by as much as five times the cost of the door itself according to a 2002 study commissioned by Therma-Tru Doors, providing an excellent return on investment.

Consider the following when investigating front door replacement:

1) Invest in a front door that reflects your personality but that also will be within the architectural character of your home and neighborhood.

2) Keep energy efficiency in mind. Fiberglass doors offer a high insulation value and provide the rich look of wood and easy maintenance. They come in a variety of textures and styles, can be painted or stained, and will not rust.

3) Consider light. Adding decorative glass within the door or sidelights or a transom provides not only additional light but can greatly enhance your overall entryway.

4) Installing a new door is not a matter of just changing out one for the other. The new door may need to be milled to match the size of your existing door in order to fit properly.

5) Hire a professional who can help you choose from complementary styles of doors and who can assure the door will be hung square and plumb, and be sealed properly.

Beyond replacing your front door, there are also quick and easy updates you can make to your existing door. For example, you can renew the finish; update your hardware or lock set; update a light fixture; replace the door bell button; consider a door knocker or mail slot; add a kickplate; or change your house numbers. These items are fun, cost-effective and easy do-it-yourself projects.

As spring approaches, it's the perfect time to refresh and renew your home. Enhancing your front door will provide an inviting entry welcoming you home day after day. And of course, don't forget the welcome mat! 🌿

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