

5 Tips to Choosing the Right Front Door

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In the market for a [new front door](#)? Here are five tips to help you choose.

Determine Your Budget

Like any home improvement, cost will obviously play a major role in your decision so it's important to start by determining your budget. It's helpful to get some assistance from an expert – try the pros over at [Peach Building Products](#) for a free estimate.

Material

The choice of material on your entry door will impact the price, style, and security of the door, and therefore will affect its most important attributes. Door materials choices are as follows:

- **Wood:** Wood is generally the most stylish option for a front door. Many types of wood are used for front doors, although oak, cherry, Douglas fir, and Walnut are popular choices. However, wood is typically the most expensive choice, particularly for higher-end woods, and is affected by exposure to the elements, thus requires maintenance.
- **Fiberglass:** Fiberglass is a budget friendly option, is more durable than wood, and can be customized to look very close to real wood.



Size

Doors come in standard sizes, but many doors are custom sizes as well. It's important to know if your door needs to be standard or custom size, as it will have a material impact on your overall cost. The standard sizes are as follows:

- **Height:** 80 inches is traditional, although 96 inches is becoming more common in newer homes.
- **Width:** 36 inches is traditional, but 30- and 32-inch doors are now seen as well.
- **Thickness:** Standard thickness for exterior doors is 1 ¾ inches. Wood doors available up to 2-1/4 inches for added strength.

Style

Exterior doors come in many styles, but should typically be designed to match the architectural style of the rest of the house. The front door is how you welcome guests to your home and should be a kind of statement that presents the home to your guests. Typical style considerations include:

- **Type:** Many door types are available, but double doors, French doors, or standard single doors are all very common. Current popular styles are Craftsman, Mid-Century Modern, Cottage, Mission, Contemporary, Classic, and Rustic.
- **Paneling:** Doors with a single panel up to even five panels are very common. Panels may be different sizes or all the same.
- **Glass:** You may want to include partial-view to full view door glass within the door itself, with many shapes, sizes, textures and configurations to choose from.
- **Hardware:** There is a range of hardware to choose from – [take a look at some of the beautiful hardware available](#).

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