

Wooden Doors Give You The Edge

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Wooden doors are the final answer to adding aesthetic value and ultimate curb appeal to your home. However, you should not choose your wooden doors just for the decorative aspect – they must also offer sufficient security to your home. There is no end to intrusive forces that strong wooden doors can repel – thieves and animals are the obvious ones. However, natural elements like wind, snow, hail and rain must also be guarded against.

There is a huge range of wooden doors available today, and this begs the question of which wooden doors best suit your needs. There should be a certain amount of science involved in making your choice, so look beyond the aesthetic appeal and consider other aspects as well.

To begin with, consider the kind of weather variations your wooden doors will have to contend with. We do know that wood expands and contract in tandem with climactic changes, and that this factor can reduce their lifespan. Choosing wooden doors that feature fibre-board panels is a good idea , since these not only look great but repel inclement weather rather well. This will therefore increase the durability of your wooden doors.

Next, it does not pay to be too cost-conscious when it comes to wooden doors. You can, of course, decide on hollow core wooden doors. However, while you will doubtlessly save on the initial expense, such wooden doors do not last very long and are also quite noisy. Your best bet is wooden doors crafted from solid, good quality wood such as oak, mahogany or hickory. Not only do wooden doors made of such wood look great, they also score much higher on fire resistance.

Style is important in wooden doors, but they should match the overall look of your house. You may not find an exact match for your home at your local wooden doors dealership, but this need not be a serious limitation. Search the Internet for more dealerships who may carry the desired styles, or buy plain wooden doors and have a good painter adapt them to your home décor.

While installing your wooden doors, ensure that there is sufficient gap between their bottom edges and the floor. Without enough ground clearance, wooden doors scrape the floor and cause damage both to the wooden door and the floor. Choose a reputed manufacturer of wooden doors, and make sure that your wooden doors are installed by appropriate experts. If you take these precautions, your wooden doors will serve you for years to come.

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