

Doors: Buyer's Guide

What do I need to know before I go Door Shopping?

This buyer's guide is for general reference to assist you with your door project.

To book a complimentary in-home assessment, please [contact us](#) for a consultation.

Call 1-800-488-3193 or visit us online at <http://www.douglaswd.com>.

Why Should I Choose Douglas Window & Door?

At Douglas Window and Door Inc., we promise to provide quality, value, and service with integrity. Our goal is to ensure you are given the best product and installation options tailored to you and your budget. Our installation experts are all trained and experienced Douglas Window and Door employees, ensuring all of our door installations are done to our high standards – with no outsourcing or unpredictability. We are London's #1 Window and Door Installation team, and we pride ourselves on consistently providing the highest quality of customer service. [Contact us](#) online or call 1-800-488-3193 for your complimentary estimate.

Function

The first step in selecting a new door for your home is determining what the intended function of the door is. We offer front entrance doors, patio doors, and terrace doors.

Style

Before you start shopping for your door, it is important to consider the architecture of your home - you want to be sure your new entryway complements your home's individual look. Doors provide more than just privacy and weather protection – they can add to the character and style of your home.

Door Glass

There are multiple options including a solid door with no glass, full glass, ovals, half-moons and many more. Some factors to think about when determining how much door glass you would like featured in your door include privacy, security, aesthetic appeal and cost.

Choosing the glass design for your door can be difficult, but we will work with you to determine which design will best suit your style and needs. The more glass you have in the door the more important this decision can be, and there are many options when it comes to door glass including custom designs.

We invite you to choose from a wide variety of door glass colours, designs, textures and bevels from one of our carefully selected supplier partners:

[Novatech](#)

[Verre Select](#)

[Masonite Specialty Doors](#)

[Vitre Art](#)

[ODL Door Glass](#)

[Medieval Glass Industries Ltd.](#)

[Trimlite](#)

Choosing Your Door Material

Douglas Window & Door Inc. offers a wide range of door materials, designs and hardware to suit your needs. We like to think of each project as creating a complete door system, engineered to your unique specifications.

All of our professionally installed doors are made with components that are built to stand the test of time. We ensure a no-fuss door installation, and you'll enjoy performance, durability and elegance guaranteed for years. Our professionally-installed doors meet or exceed EnergyStar® requirements.

- ***Steel Doors***

Steel doors are very versatile and contain a core of polyurethane, which makes them particularly sturdy, rigid, and cold resistant. These doors contain very little wood, which means they are unlikely to warp or shrink over time. They can be designed to suit a huge variety of styles and specifications. They are tough, durable, well-insulated, airtight and easy to maintain.

- ***Fiberglass Doors***

Fiberglass doors also contain a core of polyurethane, which makes them particularly sturdy, rigid, and cold resistant. Fiberglass doors are perfect for achieving the appearance of natural wood without all of the typical maintenance associated with a real wood door.

- ***PVC Doors – Patio Doors***

PVC doors are light-weight and very weather resistant. They are often reinforced with steel for added strength and durability.

Colours

At Douglas Window and Door we know how important it is to renovate your home in a way that is unique to your family. Our Window and Door installations are fully customizable, featuring a vast colour palette that allows your new upgrade to blend in with your home, or create a stunning statement with bolder colour choices. Below is an example of some of the hues in our 21-colour palette, but we can also match any custom colour you choose!



Security

Do you want extra security for your home? Choose our innovative multi-point lock system for increased strength and added protection. The centre latch and deadbolts engage securely into multiple heavy-duty jamb faceplates to provide optimal stability, a strong hold, and increased durability for years of worry-free use. If you choose to use a more traditional single point system, we only use [Weiser Locks](#), because we know how much the safety of your home means to you.

Other options are peep-sights, and digital keypad systems.

Weather Factors

When choosing a new door for your home, always consider weather conditions in your area. For example, a home with the front facing west or south will often receive more sun than a home that faces north or east. You may want to maximize the natural light by including larger door windows, or if it is too harsh you can minimize it by selecting a door with less decorative glass. We also encourage you to consider the wind and rain patterns in your area.