

Skill Level: ADVANCED Try these projects after you have a collection of DIY successes under your belt, and make sure you're ready for a challenge. You'll need experience with a wide variety of specialized tools, and it may take several hours to finish. If you've built a deck or installed an irrigation system, these projects probably match your abilities.

✓ MATERIALS

- New Pre-Hung Door
- Drill and Bits
- Hammer
- Nail Set
- Screwdrivers
- Reciprocating Saw
- Pry Bar
- Caulk—to weatherproof the door
- Level
- Square
- Tape Measure
- Utility Knife
- Nails
- Screws
- Shims
- Minimal Expanding Spray Foam Insulation
- Putty Knife
- Shop Towels
- Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Paint or stain—if painting or staining the door

A quality front door makes a positive first impression on guests. A weathered and worn door can compromise your family's safety and security. Fortunately, you can install a new pre-hung exterior door with the following instructions, and the related video, at [Lowe's.com/Videos](https://www.lowes.com/Videos).

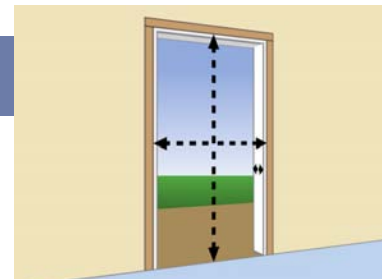
GETTING STARTED

- A pre-hung door comes already mounted to a new doorframe. The hinges are installed and the lockset and deadbolt holes are pre-bored for standard installations.
- Before removing the old door, it is a good idea to have the new one on hand. Check it for damage and make sure it will fit. Here's what you'll need to do before you purchase a new door.

01 Remove the interior trim around the existing door.

02 Measure the height, width, and depth of the door opening.

- The new door should be 1/2" less than the height of the rough opening and 3/4" less in width.



03 Determine which way the door opens.

- Stand with your back to the hinges and note whether you would open the door with your right or left hand.

04 Select the type of door you will install: wood, fiberglass or steel.

- Fiberglass and steel doors are more weather-resistant than wood doors.

05 Give this information to a Lowe's associate, who can help you select the appropriate door for your home.

06 When you get the new door home, read the manufacturer's instructions.

- They should provide you with information regarding the removal of the factory-installed shipping braces or clips.
- Some braces and clips keep the doorframe square during installation.
- They will also help to clarify terms and identify parts.

IMPORTANT

Before you begin this project, read the door manufacturer's instructions and follow all local building codes. If you're not comfortable installing a pre-hung exterior door on your home, discuss the job with a Lowe's associate, we install many types of doors.

