

Story Of My Home

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HOME

Interior inspiration for every home



THE FRONT DOOR



"A front door makes a powerful statement, so we want it to be a positive one.

It's a gateway to our home – our sanctuary – and it's what we close when we want to shut the world out."

Maz

"My front door is the equivalent of my face. Irrespective of what's going on inside the house, if you're stood on my front doorstep, all you're going to get is a clean (and usually seasonally styled), warm welcome."

Wendy



every time you put your key in the lock, so don't compromise your style."

Joanne

"A smart front door can make your house more saleable. However, this is your home and you'll also want to feel cheerful

"If you're in an apartment block, shared housing or on a modern housing development with leasehold rules, never fear! I've experienced all of these, and there are still ways to give your door a glow-up."

Jack



"An insight into the people within."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

First impressions count for a lot, and getting your front door aesthetic right is the key to giving the world some insight into the wonderful styling that may lie behind it. It's fairly easy to pull off a good entrance and make your front door stand out from the crowd for all the right reasons.

When choosing colour, consider the style of your property and the materials from which it's built. The door colour should be complementary to the shade of brick. On the colour wheel, complementary colours sit opposite one another and provide a striking contrast. For example, a strong, dark green will look fabulous next to red brick whereas a cyan blue is likely to clash. Pale bricks next to a pastel door could look insipid, so opt for richer, darker colours instead to create a more dynamic aesthetic.

"A lick of paint will take you from tired and drab to absolutely fab in an instant." Wendy



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Strong, bright colours are not to everyone's taste, however, so if you prefer something a little safer then darker tones are usually a great option. Earthy hues from a neutral palette are classic and timeless.



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The aspect of your door will have an effect on the way your chosen colour appears, so get a tester pot before jumping in headfirst. Apply it to a piece of paper and observe how different light levels change its appearance throughout the day. This will give you a good idea of how well your chosen colour will work in practice.

"I'm not an overly superstitious person, but since I bought my last house I've tried to encourage good fortune by painting my front door in a colour that Feng Shui experts suggest is beneficial. My current door faces west, which means I should choose earthy tones. It's currently painted in Farrow & Ball Lichen: a calm, muted green which works well with nature." Maz

If your door is made from a composite material or aluminium, there are many products available that allow you to alter the colour of your door easily. A quick online search or asking at your local DIY store will usually yield some good advice on which products to use.

"Any door worth its salt deserves to be furnished with a beautiful doorknob and knocker, and to be adorned with a bold number, house name or even your own blue plaque!" Joanne



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