

Modern Front Door Design Guide

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5 modern front door ideas that age well in Toronto

- 1 Matte black 8 foot slab**
The strongest modern move on contemporary infills and laneway builds. Matte beats gloss in Toronto's climate.
- 2 Vertical glass panel beside or inset**
Single tall vertical sidelite or slim inset. Frosted on busy streets, clear when set back.
- 3 Off-white painted slab with bronze hardware**
The right modern move on 1920s Edwardians where matte black would clash with the architecture.
- 4 Walnut wood-grain fibreglass with horizontal slats**
The mid-century answer. Slats must be machined into the slab, never surface applied.
- 5 Bold saturated accent colour on traditional homes**
Deep navy, oxblood, forest green. Pick fully saturated, not 'kind of' a colour. Confidence ages well.
- 6 Avoid: ombré finishes, ornate decorative glass**
Both date faster than they read modern. Resale data shows them trading at lower percent of asking.
- 7 Avoid: half-circle transoms with clear bevels**
The 1995 to 2008 look. Reads dated immediately on any home built after 2010.
- 8 Specify low-E glass and warm-edge spacers**
Default on major manufacturers. Adds 8-12 percent to glass cost. Real winter foyer comfort.
- 9 Match the door scale to the foyer ceiling**
Eight foot doors on 12+ foot ceilings. Standard 80 inch on 8-9 foot ceilings.
- 10 Confirm hardware brand and finish before signing**
Concealed hardware on minimalist slabs. Matte black, oil-rubbed bronze, or aged brass to match.

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