

Choosing a Brown Front Door Colour

A worksheet for matching the tone to your home

Look at your exterior first

1 Note your brick or siding's undertone

Warm red brick, cool grey siding, and beige stone each pull a brown finish in a different direction.

2 Check the door's light exposure

A north-facing, shaded entry reads colour differently than a sun-facing one. View any sample in both conditions if you can.

3 Look at neighbouring homes on your street

Not to copy them, but to see how similar tones actually read against similar materials nearby.

Compare the three brown families

1 Warm honey or caramel

Closest to a natural wood-grain finish. Tends to suit red and orange brick.

2 Dark espresso or chocolate

Reads nearly black from a distance with visible warmth up close. Popular against grey or beige siding and stone.

3 Mixed brown-black or weathered

An intentionally uneven finish suited to farmhouse or board-and-batten exteriors.

Before you order

1 Ask to see the sample against your own home

Not just in a showroom. Lighting changes how brown reads more than it changes black or white.

2 Ask whether this is a new door or a refinish

These are different jobs with different timelines and different considerations.

3 Ask what the manufacturer's care instructions are for the finish you choose

Different finish systems have different maintenance expectations.

Bring a photo of your exterior when you compare colour samples.

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