

# Sidelight Glass Options Compared

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## Understand what you're choosing between

### 1 Clear glass

Maximum light and visibility both directions. Best for hallways with nothing sensitive in view.

### 2 Frosted or satin-etched glass

Even matte texture. Blocks detail while keeping daylight. The most common upgrade.

### 3 Reeded or textured glass

Ribbed texture that distorts shapes into vertical streaks. A design choice as much as a privacy one.

### 4 Decorative leaded or art glass

Patterned insert that blocks the most detail and adds the most visual character.

## Questions to ask your installer

### 1 Ask to see each glass option in person

Photos do not show how light actually passes through obscured glass. See samples in daylight and after dark if possible.

### 2 Ask whether the glass can be swapped later

Some sidelight frames can accept a replacement insert; others need the whole unit swapped out.

### 3 Ask about laminated options if security matters

Privacy glass and security glass are different products. Ask specifically if both matter to you.

## Before you decide

### 1 Test your current view

If you already have a sidelight, stand outside at night with the lights on to see what is actually visible before deciding anything needs to change.

### 2 Consider your specific layout

What's directly behind the sidelight matters more than the sidelight itself.

**Test your current sidelight before assuming it needs to change.**

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