



# Hints For The Home

## Do-It-Yourself Privacy and Light Control

(NAPSA)—Homeowners concerned that getting attractive, safe and effective blinds means hiring expensive contractors for complicated installations will be pleased to know that there's an easier option.

The leading manufacturer of doorglass can help you solve a multitude of entry door challenges in just minutes. Blinds and shades created for easy DIY installation let you control privacy and light, cut cleaning time and increase energy-efficiency—all while protecting the safety of your family with a cordless design.

### The Problem

Traditional blinds and shades can be cumbersome to install and operate. What's more, according to *Consumer Reports*, blinds and shades with cords are among the most recalled products in the nation because of choking hazard risks for small children.

### An Answer

Fortunately, add-on blinds and shades are easy to install and eliminate the need for cords because they use an innovative cordless control system that is enclosed in tempered safety glass. You can raise, lower and tilt them with the touch of a finger. You can also adjust the level of natural light you let in, customize privacy options and help regulate room temperature to increase energy-efficiency. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), "When completely closed and lowered on a sunny window, highly reflective blinds can reduce heat gain by around 45 percent."

### Expert's Advice

The DOE offers this advice: "Lower shades on sunlit windows in the summer. Shades on the south side of a house should be



**You can easily give your doors and windows the elegance, privacy and safety blinds and shades provide.**

raised in the winter during the day, then lowered during the night."

"Safety and energy-efficiency are always top concerns," says Tom Kraeutler, host of the popular national weekly radio program and website on home improvement, "The Money Pit." "ODL Add-on Blinds and Shades are not only safer than traditional blinds and shades, but they are also an easy DIY remodeling project that the average homeowner can install in just minutes."

The blinds and shades can be installed on doors with raised frames or flush frames around doorglass and, once secured, do not swing when the door is opened or closed. They're available in white with a white frame, and the frame can be painted or stained if desired. There are standard half- and full-doorlight sizes, half-side-light and full-sidelight, and larger sizes for flush fiberglass and steel patio doors. They carry a five-year warranty.

### Learn More

For more information or to locate a nearby retailer, you can visit [www.ODL.com](http://www.ODL.com).