

# Make A Grand Entrance

## Tips for Purchasing A Door To Suit Your Lifestyle

(NAPSA)—Thousands of homeowners purchase a new door every year whether it's for a newly constructed home or a remodeling project. In fact, purchasing a new door or window is one of the top five most popular remodeling projects according to the National Association of Home Builders. To help homeowners make the most informed decision about purchasing a new patio door, consider the following tips.

- Pick a theme for your new home or remodeling project. For a more traditional look, select a swinging or sliding French door with extra-wide stiles. Choose a wood exterior to complement your traditional theme. For a more contemporary flair, consider a Trimline patio door with narrower sight lines and extruded aluminum cladding for low maintenance.

- Consider your home's traffic patterns and living space. Looking to create a more open, spacious look in a room? Select a sliding door to add extra space for furniture. Inswinging and sliding doors are also popular choices for entrances to a patio or deck, leaving more space for grills and tables.

- Check the performance rating on your clad exterior. If you opt for a clad exterior, make sure the finish meets the toughest standards set by the American Architectural and Manufacturers Association—2605-98. This finish offers defensive protection against fading, chipping and chalking.

- Look for a multi point locking system for added security. The



most practical and secure doors come with a totally concealed locking system that locks at a minimum of two or three points.

- Don't underestimate the importance of structural durability. Look for structural materials that provide a rugged, solid foundation and perform well under daily wear and tear. A significant advancement in creating a worry-free door is Ultrex®—a highly durable material that is not affected by heat, cold or foot traffic. Look for Ultrex in doors manufactured by Marvin Windows and Doors.

- Boost your home's energy efficiency. Add a low E II coating with argon gas to your glazing to help lower heating and cooling costs.

- Select top-hung screens on a sliding screen door. A top-hung design keeps the screen door track free of dirt and debris, allowing the door to perform effortlessly.

For more information about purchasing a new patio door for your new home or remodeling project, call Marvin Windows and Doors at 1-888-537-8268 or visit [www.marvin.com](http://www.marvin.com).