

# How To Glaze An Open Framed Door

Whether it's a kitchen door or a bedroom door, whether you have got Georgian frames or a full open frame, the way you fix the glass is exactly the same.

## What Type Of Glass Should Be Used In A Kitchen Door?

Kitchen Door Workshop recommends using 4mm thick toughened glass in kitchen doors, however, if the door is in a bedroom or elsewhere its best to check with your glazier who will suggest the best glass for that purpose.



### Tip - Let The Glazier Measure The Glass

Kitchen Door Workshop recommends having the glass measured by a Glazier and we would suggest taking your door to the glazier and let them measure for the glass for you. The reason we suggest this, is that firstly you want a snug fit and secondly, the glazing rebate has rounded corners which are quite difficult to measure. So we strongly suggest letting the glazier do the measuring for you.

## Why Vinyl Doesn't Fit Into Corner Of The Frame

When we manufacture an open framed door it's almost impossible to get the vinyl to push really tightly into the corner where the glass sits. When you look from the back of the open framed door you may see that the vinyl doesn't quite fit fully into the corner. This is not a fault, or the vinyl peeling off, there is actually nothing wrong with the door, this is just the way it is manufactured and because this can only be seen from the back of the door, you are unlikely ever to notice it



Magnified image of inside corner of the back of an open framed door

The following glazing instructions apply to doors from our Trends range.

## How The Glass Is Held In Place

The glass is held in place with a rubber gasket. The rubber gasket locates into the frame by fitting sideways into a rebated groove that's all the way around the glazing rebate - holding the glass securely in place.



## How To Fit The Glass Into Your Open Framed Door

Lay the door on a flat, clean surface.

Fit the piece of 4mm toughened glass obtained from your glazier, just pop it into the rebate on the back of the door - it should be a snug fit.

Now you are ready to fit the rubber gasket into place- you will notice there the gasket has a flat edge and a ridged edge. It is the flat edge that is going to fit against the glass and the ridged edge which is going to face upwards.



Some examples of rubber gasket have a white strip which should face upwards, but that may change from time to time so if yours doesn't have a white strip on it, just make sure you have got the flat strip against the glass.

Start half way along the bottom of the door and insert the rubber gasket into position. You will see that the gasket fits sideways into the rebate which is all the way around the open door frame. If you have the gasket upside down it will pull straight out.

Feed the rubber gasket into position making sure not to stretch it, as the rubber may slightly shrink back over time. Carefully continue around the door, gently easing the gasket it into position, until you get back round to the bottom of the door frame where you started.

Cut the rubber gasket to length and push it into position making a nice snug fit.

When carrying out any DIY project, safety should always be your first priority and care should be always be taken to use tools safely and to wear protective clothing, glasses and ear protection where required.

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