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Collection DOORS

PROJECT 2

HOW TO FIT DOOR ARCHITRAVE

A step-by-step guide to fitting architrave to a door, using Richard Burbidge mouldings and basic woodworking tools and techniques.



TIME REQUIRED

Approximately 2 hours



TOOLS REQUIRED

- Richard Burbidge Architrave Mouldings
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Spirit Level
- Mitre Saw or Hand Saw
- Mitre Box
- Grab Adhesive*
- Oval Nails or Lost Head Nails
- Hammer
- Decorators Caulk
- Sandpaper
- Paint
- Primer**
- Paint Brush



SAFETY

Use a pipe and cable detector before nailing or drilling. For safety wear protective gloves, glasses and knee pads. When using a mitre box fix to a secure surface, so both hands are free. Ensure you do not drill directly above or below light switches or power sockets. Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions when using all tools and materials.

*Be sure to follow your chosen adhesive's instructions, you may also need to ventilate the room.

**May be needed if your paint requires primer.

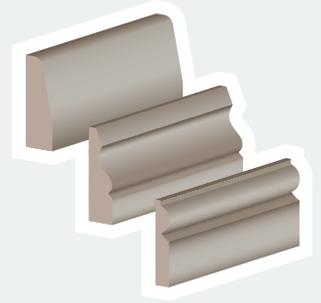
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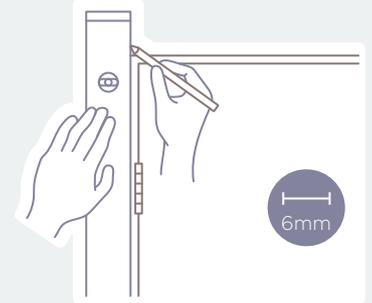
STEP 1. Choose your Richard Burbidge moulding

Firstly you'll need to decide the style you're going for - we recommend our ogee, torus, or chamfered architrave mouldings for this project. In this guide we take you through the steps of fitting pine or primed MDF architrave, it is not recommended for pre-finished architrave.



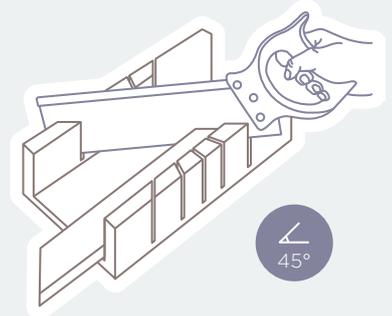
STEP 2. Map out the moulding placement onto your door casing

Use a pipe detector before nailing or drilling into any walls. The architrave will need to be set back slightly from the door frame, use a tape measure to draw a mark 6mm from the inner edge of the door casing, across the top and down both sides. Then, use a spirit level to join the marks together, giving you three lines in which the architrave will be aligned.



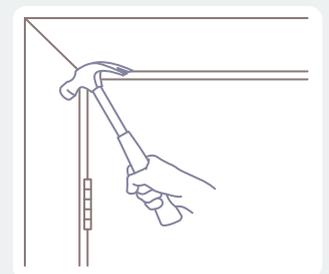
STEP 3. Cut the top architrave to length and apply to the door

Measure the line you have drawn on the top of the door, mark this on the inner edge of the architrave and leave enough room on either end to allow for the mitred cuts. Use a hand saw and mitre box at a 45 degree angle, ensuring the outer edge is longer than the inner edge. Lightly sand the ends until they are smooth. Apply grab adhesive to the back of the architrave, and fit the architrave into position on the 6mm line above the door, both mitred inside corners should align with the line you have drawn. Once the adhesive has set, hammer in lost head nails, start from the centre and work your way to either end.



STEP 4. Cut the side architrave to length and apply to the door

Next, repeat the process from step 3 to both of the side pieces of architrave. Ensure that you mitre the ends of the top architrave in opposite directions, and the bottom of the architrave is cut straight to allow for a precise fit. Before applying to the door casing, temporarily hold into place to ensure the fit is exact. Then secure into place following the steps detailed on step 3.



STEP 5. Add the finishing touches

Once the architrave is applied, use decorators caulk to patch any gaps, cracks, or holes prior to finishing. You have many different options when finishing pine architrave, you can stain for a traditional look, paint for a contemporary finish, or choose to retain the original look of raw pine. If you decide to stain or leave as it is, we recommend sealing the surface with a varnish or oil. For primed MDF architrave we recommend painting.

