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Hanging Doors etc...

Fitting of door linings, architraves and skirting...

Here we have put together a quick guide to some basic carpentry jobs that can be undertaken by most DIY enthusiasts, with limited skills or tools, to save on costly carpenters bills.

Firstly we will look at fitting linings and the hanging of doors. Once you have your acquired door lining, that you have cut to size to fit your opening, its time to fix it in place. This is done by drilling four pairs of holes into both uprights at 6" from the top and bottom, spacing out the two centre rows equally, approximately 2" from the edge. Now pack out the frame as required and fix to the wall using suitable screws, taking care that the frame remains straight and true with the aid of a spirit level. Once this is done you can now begin filling the screw holes with wooden plugs and move on to the door fitting.

Now you are ready to fit the door. Leave a thickness of a two pence coin between the doorframe and the door, to allow for movement. The hinges should then be fitted about 7" from the top and 9" from the bottom, The lock and latch system can then be fitted as per manufactures instructions, finally fit the door stop with the door in the closed position to ensure a good fitment.

Next we are ready to fit the architraves. Firstly you need cut to the required length and cut a 45 degree mitre on each of the top corners on the uprights and the head piece to allow for a flush fit. These can now be fitted using panel pins, plugged screws or a suitable adhesive. A space of approximately 1/4" should be left from the edge of the frame to allow for movement and to avoid the architraves being torn away from the linings.

Finally we come to the skirting. Cut the skirting to desired length and fit to the wall by method of holes drilled at convenient spacings, no more than 800mm maximum and screwed to the wall. Add wooden plugs to cover the screw heads. You can also glue skirting in some instances if so desired. Now you can sit back and enjoy the benefits of your labour. Remember we are here to help and offer advice on any problems that may arise, or that you are unsure of how to go about the task which you are about to undertake...

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