

# INSTALLING A PRE-HUNG DOOR



## TOOLS NEEDED:

2 pkg of wood shims

Claw hammer

Handsaw (if jamb needs trimming)

4 ft level

10-penny finish nails

Nail set

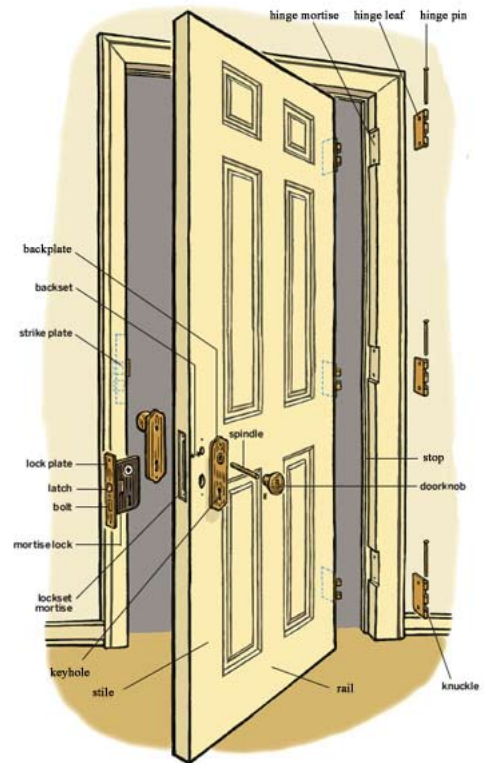


## Things to double-check before the install:

- Make sure your door is handed correctly. This means that the door will be swinging the proper direction. Imagine the door in the opening and see if you have the right door for the space.
- Measure the rough opening space for the door unit and compare it to the dimensions of the door unit. The space should be about a half inch or more larger in both height and width.
- See that the door has been secured in the jamb so it does not swing open while hanging.

## Next:

- The first job is to square up the door in the jamb (frame). Remove any packaging on the door unit and position in the opening.
- With the door unit in place, compare the gap between the door and the hinge side jamb with the gap between the door and the top of the jamb. The gap should be the same with no areas of contact.
- The jamb legs are usually about an inch longer than the door allowing extra space for airflow under an interior door. You may need to take the unit out to trim the jamb legs to allow half an inch space between the door bottom and flooring or carpet.
- Check to see if the door and jamb are secured from the top of the jamb. If so, the fastener must be removed before proceeding.
- With the jamb legs at the proper length, return the unit to the opening. Use a 4 ft level to adjust the unit and slide in wood shims at the height of the hinges between the unit and the opening to insure the unit is plumb (straight up and down) and even with the wall.
- Use 10-penny finishing nails on the hinge side of the jamb, driving through the jamb into the shims and opening. **DO NOT DRIVE NAILS IN ALL THE WAY.** Leave about ½ inch exposed so adjustments can be made as needed.
- Open and close the door to check fit and plumb. Adjust as needed then drive the finish nails in all the way. Recess nails with the nail set.



**Congratulations! You did it.**

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