

French Doors

The allure of glass French doors is tough to resist. Set them facing your deck or patio as a gateway between indoors and out. They offer wide views and maximum light and ventilation.

Think about which way you want the doors to swing. The standard choice is swinging in. This keeps the hinges inside, away from weather. If you have a deck or patio at the same height as the interior floor, you might consider hinging the doors out, with locking-pin hinges for security.

French doors are a nice touch inside the house, too. They're an elegant way to make two small rooms blend into one large space. Think of French doors as a way to share a view with a second room.