Sliding Glass Doors

These walk-through windows show off your patio or deck and allow light to flood the room. Sliding glass doors have clean, modern lines. Constructed like sliding windows, one large glass panel is fixed and the other slides along a track. Because these doors are so large, look for units with insulated glass to minimize heat loss. Aluminum frames are the least expensive choice, but wood is more attractive and insulates better.

Tip from the Pros: Avoid cheap units. They're more difficult to roll and more prone to failure.