

ARTISTIC OPENINGS

By DVIRA OVADIA | When it comes to interior doors, sometimes we have to think outside the box. Letting plain white doors dictate the look of your home spells boring. Using specialty doors to frame a key room in your home can speak volumes.

ook at interior doors as a great opportunity to add architectural beauty to any room. Throughout my many years designing spaces for HGTV's *Income Property*, I have often enhanced the architecture of a space by simply changing a door, the hardware or even the paint colour.



This time of year, architectural salvage stores, antique markets and online classifieds are wonderful sources for finding solid wood vintage gems. Salvaged and reclaimed doors, restored to retain their beautiful worn-in patinas, add an element of unexpected drama to a room. At Dvira Interiors, we love to integrate a touch of unexpected to a space by creating an artistic

opening. I find that reclaimed doors, used to divide rooms or distinguish certain areas of the house, not only contain an architectural element, but also hang like works of art. Try using a reclaimed door as we recently used to add panache to a kitchen pantry closet.

A company to look at is ScanWest Doors (scanwestdoors.com) - they have a great variety of unique and artistic doors that can be used for key entry points in your home. The company combines traditional design techniques and integrate innovative materials to create truly distinctive doors. With a vast array of custom design options to choose from you are now given the option of having interior doors that create a wonderful visual artistic focal point to your living spaces.

Decide what doors works for your space, from barn doors, antique doors, lattice doors, sliding doors, mirrored doors, any of these can create the right look if introduced properly. Don't fear to add colour and pattern, a door is an architectural element that can carry a bold colour or a fancy wood grain.

Changing your existing



interior doors, or even sprucing them up with new paint and hardware can greatly enhance the architecture in a room, but selecting the right doors and hardware takes a keen eye for design. Be smart the first time to avoid costly mistakes if you are struggling with interior door styles, colours, call in a design professional.



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