



**Things to consider
when ordering your
Murphy Door.**

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Hidden doors add mystery, elegance, and functionality to any space. However, ordering the perfect hidden door requires careful consideration to avoid common pitfalls. Below are the top mistakes to avoid when ordering a hidden door.

1. Not Measuring Properly

Accurate measurements are crucial. Measure the width of the rough opening, the area between studs, in three places along the top, middle, and bottom. Write down the smallest measurement. Measure the height of the rough opening in two places. Write down the smallest measurement. Subtract 2" from the smallest height and the width.

The resulting dimensions are the correct size Murphy Door to order. Mistakes in measurement can lead to doors that don't fit properly, causing delays and additional costs.

2. Ignoring Swing Direction Requirements

Your door will push into a room or pull out into an existing space. The swing direction you choose will effects pass- through space, wall clearance needs, and locking options.

3. Not Thinking About Pass-through Space

The swing direction you choose will effect the pass-through space.

In-swing doors pivot outside the jamb. This will give you more pass-through space, but will require wall clearance to open. Out-swing doors pivot within the jamb. This delivers less pass-through space, but no additional wall clearance is needed.

Both swing directions open to 90° and the door can be removed if additional pass through space is needed.

4. Not Considering the Back

Your door will protrude 2 to 7-1/2" past the door jamb, depending on the door depth. The gaps around the door are necessary for it to function. The door back will also have exposed screw heads. If the door will be regularly seen from both sides consider adding rear casing or a decorative panle insert. Flat panel, blackboard, and mirror inserts are available with all finishes. Paint grade shiplap and beadboard inserts are also available.

5. Skipping Security Features

If your hidden door is intended for a safe room or secure storage, plan for security features. Hidden bookcase latches, mechanical key locks, or even advanced biometric security options can be difficult to add once the doors are installed.

6. Failing to Plan for Electrical Needs

If your hidden door includes lighting, electronic locks, or other electrical components, plan for wiring and power sources. Overlooking this can lead to incomplete installations and additional expenses. Also, consider a battery back up in case the power goes out.

7. Neglecting Professional Installation

While DIY installation can be fun, hidden doors require precision and expertise. Consider hiring a General Contractor to ensures the door operates smoothly and maintains its concealment.

8. Underestimating the Budget

Hidden doors are an investment. Make sure to budget not only for the door itself but also for installation, and any additional features. A well-planned budget prevents unexpected expenses and ensures a smoother project.

Avoiding common mistakes can help you have the hidden door of your dreams. For more tips and professional advice, contact us at Murphy Door. We're here to help you every step of the way.

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your project with a Design Consultant today.
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