

How to Install a Pet Door

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Installing a [pet door](#) is not as difficult as you might think. Whether you want to provide access to your fenced-in yard, or allow cat-only access to the litterbox room, the following tips can help.

Start With the Right Tools

Here's what you'll need:

- flathead screwdriver
- Phillips screwdriver
- electric drill
- jigsaw
- masking tape
- nails
- tape measure
- scissors
- pencil
- optional – ruler, bubble level, carpenter's square

Choose Your Installation Location

Today's pet doors can be installed virtually anywhere. For example, [PetSafe Patio Panels](#) fit sliding doors (and require no cutting!), while [PetSafe SmartDoors](#) are ideal for walls and standard doors.

Install Like a Pro

Installation varies by door, but follows this basic model:

1. Determine vertical door/wall placement – measure from pet's stomach to the floor while pet stands normally; mark surface with measurement (and template, if applicable).
2. Cut hole for pet door frame
3. Insert door frame; drill screw holes
4. Add weather stripping (if applicable)
5. Secure pet door in door/wall with screws

Tips

- To maintain the structural integrity of the door, place bottom of pet door at least 4"-6" from door bottom.
- Before a wall installation, measure wall thickness to determine whether you must compensate (with wooden blocks) for a difference in wall vs. door thickness. Also, locate studs before installation.

Preview the Staywell Pet Door Assembly Video below. Please select your connection speed to view the video:

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