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What Custom Glass Options are Available for Replacement Windows?

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Replacing old windows and doors will not only enhance the look of your home but it will also make it less drafty and much quieter. There are various windows and doors available on the market such as decorative glass windows, double and triple-pane replacement windows.

Let's dive in to know all the custom glass options available for replacement windows.

Decorative Glass Windows

These windows help you maintain a high level of privacy will still allowing the light to filter into your home. Look for a glass that has an obscurity rating of 9 or higher as it will make it impossible to see into from outside but you can see everything from inside.

Triple-pane Windows

As the name indicates triple-pane windows are made up of three panes of glasses. Triple-pane windows are great for climates with extreme weather. In fact, when compared to double-pane windows, triple-pane windows are more resistant to condensation. Also, it has the potential to significantly reduce the amount of noise coming from outside as it contains an extra glass pane along with a layer of insulation.

If you stay somewhere near busy streets or close proximity to neighbors, triple-pane window glasses are the perfect replacement windows for your house. But, since triple-pane glasses require an extra glass than double-pane glasses and other additional materials to construct, it is heavier and costs 25-30% more than double-pane glasses.

If you are going to purchase a triple-pane glass make sure it has at least two layers of soft coat low-E. Low-E (also known as Low-Emittance) coating refers to a microscopically-thin metallic oxide layer that is deposited on the window to vanquish radiative heat flow. Also, look for a window with the highest rating from ENERGY STAR for best performance.

Double-Pane Windows

Double-pane windows are the most popular option for replacement windows. They can withstand any weather and climate. Look for a double-pane window that has the potential to block harmful UV rays and control glare in bright, sunny climates. Because of their low-profile design, double1

pane windows have the capability to add value and curb appeal to your home.

Other things to look for while purchasing a double-pane window for your home includes the capacity to retain more heat during the winter and reflect heat in the summer, is multi-layer, has a soft-coat Low-E and has the potential to prevent seal failure while prohibiting the transfer of heat at the same time.

Other Custom Glass Options for your Replacement Windows

There are various custom glass options available for your replacement windows, however, make sure what type of glass you want before finalizing one. Other custom groove glass options include Single Prairie, Double Prairie, Diamond, Florentine, Petal, Trellis, Marquis, and Tudor. Various etching style includes Polished, Frosted, and Shadow.

In order to customize your custom groove glass window and to match it with the look and feel of your home, you must match the window pattern with an etching style.

Best place for Designer Glasses

Privacy Glass

Privacy glass is best suited for the bathroom. It not only helps you maintain the highest privacy, but it also allows the natural light to enter inside the bathroom. Privacy glass isn't just a shower door, you can also use it as a replacement window to maintain the highest privacy in your home.

Safety Glass

The best place for safety glass is near slippery or wet areas of your home. Experts recommend placing safety glass in or near showers, whirlpools, bathtubs, and hot tubs. You can also use it near glass walls that enclose stairway landings and just like privacy glass, you can use it in any window irrespective of where it is located.

Designer Glass Window

A designer glass window is a great way of enhancing the overall look of your room. It doesn't matter if you're looking to personalize your patio door or want to add a focal point to your drawing room, designer glass windows are perfect for every space.

Concluding Remarks

While triple-pane and double-pane windows are great replacement windows, decorative glass windows can stand out of the crowd and make your house beautiful while stopping the excess heat and noise from penetrating inside your house. However, make sure you match the window pattern with the etching style to enhance the look of your home. Also, give priority to Low-E coating while purchasing a replacement window.

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