Interior Door Installation Manual

Materials Needed:
Interior door
Measuring tape
Level
Pencil
Drill
Screws
Screwdriver
Wood shims
Hammer
Chisel
Sandpaper
Paint or stain (optional)
Step 1: Prepare the Doorway
1. Measure the Doorway:
- Measure the width and height of the doorway. Ensure the new door matches these measurements.
- Check that the doorway is square using a level.
2. Remove the Old Door:
- Unscrew the hinges and carefully remove the old door.

Step 2: Prepare the New Door

- Clean the doorway of any debris or old hardware.

1. Check the Fit:

- Place the new door in the doorway to ensure it fits properly.
- 2. Mark Hinge Locations:
- Place the door in the doorway and mark the locations for the hinges on both the door and the doorframe.
- Ensure the hinge locations align perfectly.

Step 3: Install Hinges on the Door

- 1. Chisel the Hinge Mortises:
- Use a chisel to create shallow recesses in the door edge for the hinges.
- Make sure the recesses are the same depth as the hinge plates.
- 2. Attach Hinges to the Door:
- Position the hinges in the mortises and mark the screw holes.
- Drill pilot holes for the screws.
- Secure the hinges to the door using screws.

Step 4: Hang the Door

- 1. Position the Door:
- Place the door in the doorway, aligning the hinges with the marks on the doorframe.
- Use wood shims to hold the door in place and ensure it is level and plumb.
- 2. Attach Hinges to the Doorframe:
- Mark the screw holes for the hinges on the doorframe.
- Drill pilot holes for the screws.
- Secure the hinges to the doorframe using screws.

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Step 5: Final Adjustments

- 1. Check the Door Swing:
- Open and close the door to ensure it swings smoothly and aligns with the doorframe.
- Make any necessary adjustments to the hinges to ensure proper alignment.
- 2. Secure the Door:
- Once the door is properly aligned, remove the shims.
- Check for any gaps and ensure the door fits snugly in the doorway.

Step 6: Finishing Touches

- 1. Sand and Finish:
- Sand any rough edges on the door and doorframe.
- Paint or stain the door as desired.
- 2. Install Door Hardware:
- Attach the door handle, lock, and any other hardware according to the manufacturer's instructions.