

An overarching trend

Typically seen on period properties of the Victorian era and inspired by historic Roman architecture, arched frame doorways found renewed popularity in the 1930s and are now back and on the list of highly desired characteristics of a home, writes Pierre Mifsud of Comp Door

Here's what you need to know about the latest home improvement trend and how to recreate it for a customer.

An arched frame is ideal for homeowners looking to renovate and refurbish their period properties, while at the same time preserving the original character and charm.

Options used to be limited to timber and stone constructions to achieve the arched effect. These were costly and difficult to maintain and didn't possess the security and insulation properties of more modern doors.

However, now the look of an arched framed doorway can be achieved along with the many benefits associated with modern, high-performance composite doors, thanks to bespoke arch shaped PVC-U frames from manufacturers such as Comp Door.

The beauty of a shaped frame with composite door insert is that it not only creates an eye-catching focal point to the front of a home, it brings extra light into a hallway through glazed side panels and a top light and of course, has the insulation and security benefits of a modern composite door.

New homes too

The bespoke arch of the top frame can follow original brickwork arches that

are typical of period properties. The trend is also catching on in new developments and home extensions, where arched framed doors are being used to give the impression of more space and natural light. An arched entrance also works very well and is typical featured on porches. They can be used to complement or contrast with existing windows and doors.

Despite being relatively new to the market, Comp Door has developed an arch framed option to complement its solid timber core composite door, making it possible for homeowners looking to replace their existing arched framed door with something that will be long lasting, secure and offer thermal efficiency.

The all-in-one frame is easy to install as there are no metal couplers and it is finished with an 82mm transom and mullions, that allow for bespoke sized side lights and top lights.

Comp Door also offers a number of glass styles to create the desired effect and give the required level of privacy.

Frames come in a range of colours to co-ordinate with the chosen door colour or as a foiled finish, to give the look of a traditional timber frame.

Locking systems

Every door is fitted with a slam shut, auto-fire lock as standard. This automatic multi-point locking system features four self-locking, deadbolt latches that activate when the door is closed and keeps the door latched at all times over the full height of the door. It requires no homeowner intervention as with a single latch and lift lever, thus eliminating the chance of the door not being secured properly and minimising the thermal movement that causes warping or bowing. □

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