

Which way does your door swing?

Three easy steps: stand on the side you push the door open from, see which side the hinges are on, and note which way it swings. Then find your door below.



1 Stand where you push
Go to the side you would push the door open from, not pull.

2 Find the hinges
Left side or right side, from where you are standing? That side is the **hand** of your door.

3 In or out?
Swings into the house is **inswing**. Out toward the porch, **outswing**.

Find your door in these four pictures

Left hand, inswing

You push from outside. Hinges on your **left**, door swings **into** the house.



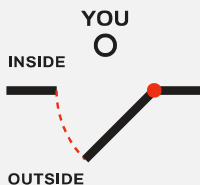
Right hand, inswing

You push from outside. Hinges on your **right**, door swings **into** the house.



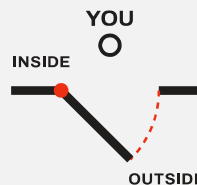
Left hand, outswing

Door swings **out**, so you push from inside. Hinges on your **left** from there.



Right hand, outswing

Door swings **out**, so you push from inside. Hinges on your **right** from there.



i Key: the thick line is the door, the dot is the hinge, and the dashed line is the path it sweeps.

Our rule in one line: stand where you push, and whichever side the hinges are on is the hand. Some people use other methods — tell us yours and we will make sure we match.

TELL US THESE FOUR THINGS

1. The hand — left or right, from the push side.
2. Inswing or outswing.
3. Door size, or the opening's width and height.
4. Interior or exterior door.

WORDS WE USE

Slab — the door itself.

Jamb — the frame it hangs in.

Hinge — the pivot hardware.

Strike — the plate the latch catches.