One-Sidelight Door Sizing Sheet

Calculate your rough opening and confidently order a seamlessly balanced entryway.

Planning a front door with one sidelight requires precise dimensions to ensure structural integrity and visual harmony. Use this quick reference to calculate your exact rough opening and finalize your styling details.



Key Dimensions

2 to 2.5 in
framing allowance added to net width

2 in
standard center mullion width

82 in
standard rough opening height

0.5 in
lite discrepancy that disrupts harmony

Paint as one wide door

Use an identical glossy emerald finish across both sections and the mullion. This eliminates vertical stripes and makes the narrow single-sidelight unit feel incredibly substantial.

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Find your row: **Door & Sidelight**

Door & Sidelight	Your pick	Why
30-in door, 10-in side	44-inch rough width	for 42-inch net unit width
32-in door, 12-in side	48-inch rough width	for 46-inch net unit width
36-in door, 14-in side	54-inch rough width	for 52-inch net unit width

Ordering & Styling Checklist

- [ ] Specify the sidelight side from the outside looking in.
- [ ] Confirm an inward door swing toward the solid wall.
- [ ] Choose reeded low-E glass for privacy and efficiency.
- [ ] Match the lite heights exactly across the entire unit.
- [ ] Verify the manufacturer's specific center mullion profile dimensions.

Site & Structure Checks

- ○ Peek behind the casing to verify the continuous structural header.
- ○ Consult a professional for your specific header load capacities.
- ○ Mount a lantern on solid side for balanced evening illumination.
- ○ Visualize the open door's resting place inside your foyer.
- ○ Size your stoop planter to match exact sidelight width.

Project Notes & Dimensions

Enjoy your beautifully balanced, light-filled new entryway!