



How to Install a Window

SUPPLIES:

- Oscillating saw
- Drill and drill bits
- 4-foot level
- Utility knife
- Silicone caulk
- Caulking gun
- Wood shims
- Fiberglass insulation

Along with your new window,

A photograph of a window set into a grey horizontal-slat siding. The window has a white frame and is covered with plywood. The plywood is divided into six rectangular sections by a grey frame, mimicking a six-pane window. The plywood has a light brown, wood-grain pattern with visible knots. The window is slightly recessed into the siding.

STEP 1

Remove the old window

First, remove your old window.

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Research the proper removal process for your window,



A person with long brown hair, wearing a light blue shirt and grey work gloves, is using a yellow and black Ryobi reciprocating saw to cut through a white door casing. The saw is positioned vertically, and the person is holding it with both hands. The door has a large glass pane with a brown mesh screen. The background is a plain white wall.

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take off the molding, score around the casing,

A close-up shot of a person's hands using a black and orange power drill to remove a screw from a white window frame. The drill is positioned vertically, with the bit inserted into the screw. The person's hands are visible, holding the drill. The background shows a white wall and a wooden floor.

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remove screws, nails, and caulk,



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then carefully take out the window.

PRO-TIP

Rent scaffolding for upper-level window installation

STEP 2

Test-fit the new window

First, test-fit your window to check for proper sizing.



PRO-TIP

STEP 2

Center it in the opening with wood blocks and shims,





STEP 3

Caulk around the moulding

Then, remove the window and caulk the edges.



STEP 4

Set the window into the opening
Carefully set it into the opening and push it into the molding edge,



STEP 5

Level the window

Once the window is in,



STEP 6

Center and secure window

To prevent movement,



STEP 7

Confirm window is square and level

Next, measure the window's diagonals.



STEP 8 Attach window

Now secure the window by driving screws into the frame's pre-set holes

PRO-TIP

If the window has a brick mold, pre-drill holes and drive 16d nails.

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SAFETY-TIP

Always wear protective eyewear and gloves when handling fiberglass insulation.

STEP 9

Insulate window

between the jambs and frame with fiberglass.



STEP 10 Trim the shims

Score the shims with a utility knife and snap off any excess



STEP 11

Apply silicone caulk

Apply paintable silicone caulk around the window,

A close-up shot of a white-framed window with a grid pattern. The window is divided into six rectangular panes, three in the top row and three in the bottom row. Each pane is filled with a piece of light-colored plywood, showing its natural wood grain and several dark knots. The window is set into a light-colored wall. In the bottom left corner, there is a dark green rectangular box with the text 'STEP 11' in white. At the bottom center, the text 'And that should do it!' is written in white.

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