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Window Decor Q&A:

Solutions for sliding doors

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Q: I'm interested in a window treatment for my sliding door located in my dining room. I would like to have something a little formal, but light in weight. I will be putting up a chair rail, painting the bottom and papering the top in a large floral pattern. I looked at some of the vertical blinds, but I feel they are very hard looking and do not convey the feel I would like. If you have any ideas, I would greatly appreciate the input.

Joan Hovespian, Oakville, ON

A: This is a common problem. Those sliding glass doors do tend to give people trouble when wanting a covering for them, especially in a formal setting. Vertical blinds are usually the best option. Have you seen Blinds To Go's newer fabric vane models? You can get about any pattern and texture you like. This may be an ideal way to obtain that softer, more formal look you are looking for. Giving the door a header that's in a more formal style will also soften the look of the verticals even more. You can also take sheers and swag them over a rod, perhaps even have them hanging over the glass of the doors. The only problem with anything other than blinds is that you do not have the ease of light control. If you do decide to go with blinds and want to make the



treatment more formal, try a dark color with a pattern. This will help the blinds to look more like curtains when they are closed.

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