



A HOME WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS



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Trimwork – or the mouldings around your doors, windows, ceilings and floors –define your rooms and give your home the finishing touch.

Without question, a door is always trimmed out. This piece of moulding hides the area

between the door jam and the wall material, giving it a nice finished look. But if this is the only trimwork you have in your home, you are really missing out.

By adding trimwork or a moulding package' to your home, you can create interesting

detail, define spaces and increase the value of your home, with very little investment.

If you have nothing other than door trim, at least consider adding baseboard moulding.

This addition creates a clean break between your wall colour and the floor. Without this moulding, your room will look unfinished. Baseboards come in a variety of sizes and profiles. Consider the overall look of your home when choosing a style.

Next, trim out the windows. Believe it or not, by adding this simple trim you will make your windows appear larger. Before adding the trim, the window jamb (the vertical area around the window) was probably painted the same colour as the wall. This area now becomes part of the trim and should be painted the same colour.

If you really want to define your space, you can add crown moulding. It can be used in all areas of your home, but some people choose to use it to define the more formal spaces in their home, like the entry, living room and dining room. In the case of crown moulding, don't be afraid to go big.

Mouldings and trimwork should be painted in a satin or semi gloss paint. These sheens are more durable than the standard eggshell used on walls. Although high gloss paints are the most durable they tend to be a bit too shiny for this application and can end up looking like plastic.

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