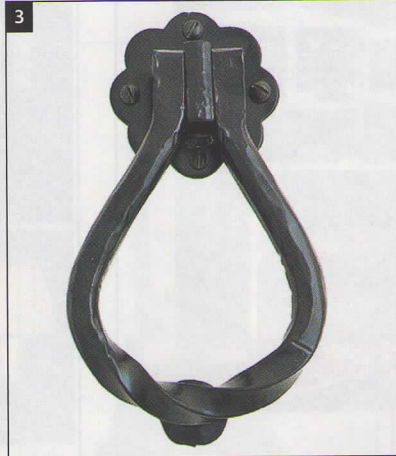


Design details: Front door knockers

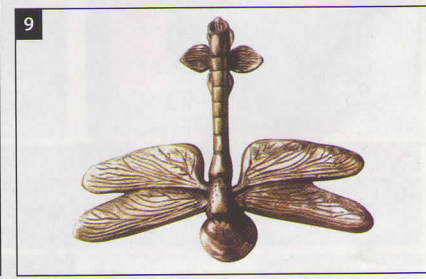
... WHO'S THERE?

Make the ultimate first impression by greeting visitors with a characterful door knocker



What to consider

- Door knockers have been in use for centuries, from elaborate Georgian designs of Grecian goddesses to lion heads and more simple ring designs. Their popularity only waned with the introduction of the electric doorbell.
- The knocker's material and finish is key to the period: black-painted cast iron was common in Georgian times, but was then replaced largely by polished brass in the Victorian era.
- Reclaimed knockers are a fantastic choice, but if buying new avoid shiny brass versions. Mellow antique brass finishes and black cast-iron knockers appear more authentic.
- Door knockers look best mounted centrally, at head height, on a muntin.



1 This **doctor's knocker** from Cast In Style comes from a design reputed to have been used on many physicians' front doors, and is made from malleable iron. Also available in bronze, nickel and brass finishes, it costs £46. **2** The **Florentine numbered door knocker** from Snobs Knobs & Posh Knockers has an enamelled numberplate available in blue, black, racing green or maroon, £82.50. **3** Broughtons' **hand-forged pear-shaped knocker**, finished in beeswax, is suitable for a front door which is protected by an enclosed porch, £39. **4** This **classic ring knocker**, in a polished chrome finish, costs £31.72 from IronmongeryDirect. **5** **Swinging Hare door knocker**, £36 from Anthropologie. **6** Jim Lawrence's charming **Heart door knocker** is made of hand-forged steel and available as polished (shown), matt black and gloss black, £56.60. **7** Louis Fraser's classic **lion head knocker** in antique pewter, £44.63 + VAT. **8** Willow & Stone's **Regency-style door knocker** is a small-proportioned and very pretty brass model with an aged, nickel-plated finish, £79. **9** This intricately detailed brass **Dragonfly door knocker** is hinged at the end of the tail. It costs £26 from The Door Knocker Company. ➔ **For suppliers' details please turn to Stockists page**