

# Historic Farmhouse & Cottage Doors

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The classic farm house door is the vertical plank and batten door, generally in use in vernacular cottages from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The example on the left is unusual in having moulded rebates and is of 17<sup>th</sup> century date.



In the late 17<sup>th</sup> century there was a fashion for creased doors where the difference between the centre panel and the outer panel was more pronounced.



At the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, stiles were applied to one side of boarded doors so they looked like classical panelled doors. This was called true and false panelling.





By the 18<sup>th</sup> century panelled doors had become common. The example at the top left is a grand field and panelled door that has been cut down to fit a farmhouse door. The surrounding thin architrave moulding is typical of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. At the top right is a two panelled door, which was a staple feature of Georgian houses and was very plain. To the bottom left is a four panelled Georgian door, which was later the most common type of Victorian door. This Georgian example has flush shadow mouldings and old fashioned L hinges.