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Accent colors can add

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A pop of an accent color can add personality and curb appeal to a home.

As the weather turns warmer, many homeowners' thoughts turn to outdoor projects, and a new front door often tops the project list, according to Scott Seigman, owner of Seigman's Siding & Window Specialists, a family business in Defiance.

"The number one item on the list is a new front door," Seigman said. "It can provide energy savings as well as improve appearance."

Seigman said current trends for front doors include selecting a color that pops against the existing siding and popular choices are reds and greens.

"People go a little creative if it goes along with their personality," he added.

For the door itself, Craftsman doors with windows on the top portion and a decorative shelf on the outside are popular choices.

"They were popular in

the 1920s and those are really starting to return," Seigman said. "It gives it a bit of the cottage look."

All of the doors offered at Seigman's are custom

made and different options are available for features such as doorknobs. Currently, aged bronze (black) and nickel (silver) are popular selections for doorknobs.



Craftsman doors in red or green accent colors are popular options for front doors right now, according to Seigman's Siding & Window Specialists. Courtesy Photo



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personality, curb appeal to homes

Seigman explained their doors are made from fiberglass materials that provide insulation. Wood finishes are available as well.

“It makes for a very nice finish, and it’s insulated,” he added.

If a homeowner is considering selling their home, a new front door becomes even more important.

“The front door is always within the top five (for realtors) to improve the value, the curb appeal,” he said. “The front door is definitely a great investment. For the homeowner, it’s an energy

savings and it draws attention to the house.

“Buyers like not having to put money into the home,” he continued. “It shows that you care about the home and it’s well taken care of.”

However, if you are thinking about selling, Seigman suggested choosing an accent color that appeals to a larger audience.

Vinyl shake siding is popular right now for a siding option, and varieties are available so it has the appearance of cedar but has the advantage of not being

damaged by water.

For someone looking for a change but who might not want to invest in all new siding, Seigman said shutters are an economical way to spruce up a property. Another option is to focus only on the siding around the front door.

“Instead of changing all of the siding, another option is to concentrate on the area around the front door if you want to draw attention to that front door that’s the accent color,” Seigman added.

Vinyl replacement windows are a popular selection

that require less maintenance than other options.

“Water won’t damage it,” Seigman said, adding painting is also not necessary. “They’re maintenance-free as well so you don’t need to do too much with it.”

Seigman’s Siding & Window Specialists was founded in 1976, and Scott Seigman took over the store from his dad, Denny, two years ago.

“We’re more of a team ... we’re like family,” he said of the three full-time employees at the store. “I think of it more of a ministry.”

will help walk customers through the selection, ordering and installation processes to find a solution that fits their family.

“It’s best not to treat it as a project. A home is a place where family gathers,” Seigman said. “Variety is a good thing. It doesn’t have to look like everyone else’s.

“We’re happy to help them through the process with decades of experience,” he continued. “We provide quality as well as workmanship.”

“The economy is good, so a lot of people are doing projects,” Seigman added.

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