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BRONZE BY DESIGN: STANDOUT SHEERLINE BIFOLD DOORS FOR A FAMILY HOME

When it comes to aluminium bi-folding doors, Black and Anthracite Grey are familiar choices – but as someone whose company buys and fits a lot of doors in these colours, Jack Cook wanted to do something different at his own home.

Jack, Director at Cooks Joinery & Home Improvements Ltd, chose a three-pane Sheerline aluminium bifold door in Mid Bronze Metallic as part of a major renovation for his 1930s semi-detached house in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The former dining room at the rear of the property has been transformed into an open-plan kitchen, dining and living space – and the new bifold has replaced a single uPVC door with two full height skylights, creating a much stronger connection with the garden.

“The opening is around 2.4m high, so I wanted to make the most of it with large expanses of glass,” explains Jack. “We also wanted the feeling of bringing the outside in, whilst being able to leave the doors open so the dog could wander in and out.”

LOCATION
Newcastle-upon-Tyne

PRODUCTS INSTALLED
Prestige Bi-Fold

COLOUR(S)
Mid Bronze Metallic
Effect

INSTALLER
Cooks Joinery & Home Improvements Ltd.

FABRICATOR
BISON

TAKING A LEAP OF FAITH WITH BRONZE

While the size and configuration of the doors were important, it was the unusual colour that really set this installation apart.

“We fit lots of Anthracite Grey doors, so although it’s still popular, I knew I didn’t want that,” says Jack. “We did consider Black, until we spoke to Shaun at Bison Doors.”

Jack explained their plans and the kitchen’s colour scheme, including Antique Bronze handles and fittings, and Shaun at Bison suggested looking beyond the usual colours and exploring the wider range available from Sheerline.

“We’d never seen any doors, let alone bifolds, in Bronze before – in fact, we struggled to find any photos to show us what they’d look like. So, we took a leap of faith that, with Black hardware, our Bronze bifolds would look as good as we hoped!”



“I wanted the bifolds to be a feature of the new space, and I always think they look better with the same colour on both sides, so we chose the bronze finish for inside and out.”

The Mid Bronze Metallic finish proved to be the perfect match for the kitchen hardware, and although Jack obtained a price comparison for black, he decided the additional cost was worthwhile to achieve a more individual look.

COLOUR MATCHED FROM THE FACTORY

The bronze detailing was also carried through to the finish around the doors. A brick arch sits above the opening, so Jack ordered aluminium trim from Sheerline in the same bronze colour and curved it to follow the arch.

“It looks really sleek and classy and we’re delighted with the results. Getting the bronze trim to match the doors was definitely important to get the right effect, but because Sheerline has its own paint line, we knew it wouldn’t be an issue.”

Sheerline powder coats its aluminium profiles in-house using its Qualicoat-approved paint line, giving homeowners a wide choice of durable colours and finishes. Mid Bronze Metallic is part of Sheerline’s standard colour range, while bespoke and dual-colour options are also available.

For Jack, the ability to specify the same distinctive finish inside and out helped turn the bifold doors into a genuine feature of the new living space.

FOUR HOURS FROM OLD DOORS TO NEW

Despite the visual transformation, the installation was remarkably straightforward. The new bifolds fitted into the existing opening on a like-for-like basis, with no structural alterations required.

> **From taking our old doors out to finishing off the bifolds, I'd say it took around four hours, Sheerline is a dream to install. Everything has been designed to be easy to fit.**



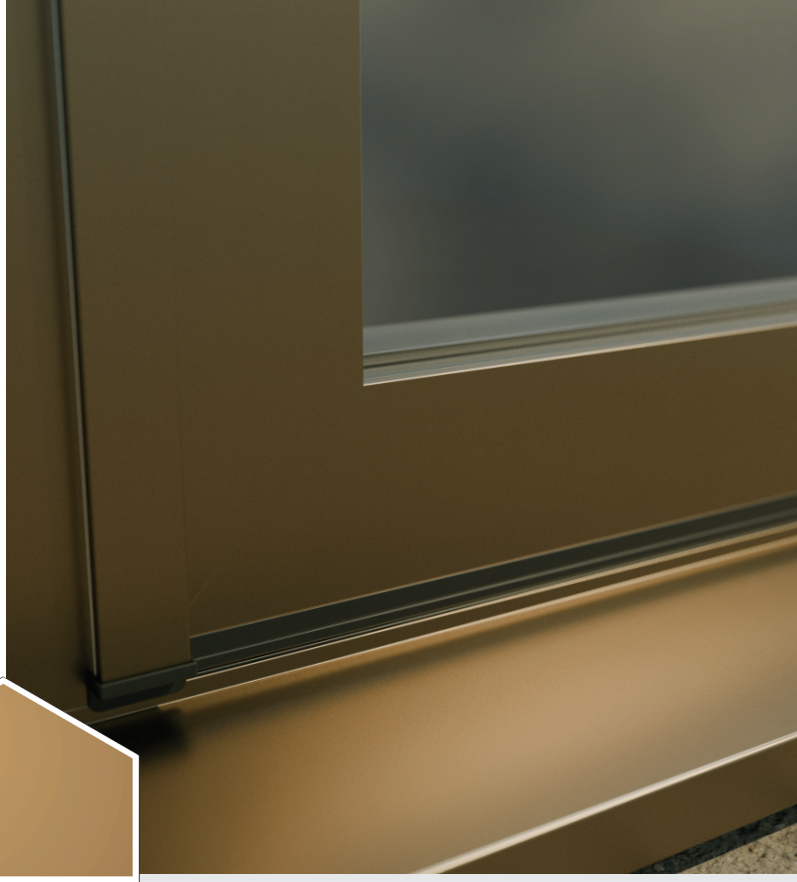
A TRUSTED PARTNERSHIP

The project also highlights the long-standing relationship between Cooks Joinery & Home Improvements and Bison Doors, the Gateshead-based manufacturer that fabricated and supplied the Sheerline bifold doors.

Jack and his father have worked with Bison for over 30 years, with Jack describing the relationship as one built on trust and consistently reliable products, with no call-backs at all on any products from Bison. It was Bison's Shaun who suggested exploring Sheerline's wider colour options when Jack explained the plans for his own home.

> **We've been manufacturing Sheerline doors for around three years now, and it's become our go-to system. We offer both the Prestige and Classic ranges, not only because they're simple to manufacture and install, but because they look great and the wide colour range opens up more options for homeowners.**
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> **We were delighted with the finished bifolds, as they were the first ones in Mid Bronze Metallic that we'd made – and I'm sure they won't be the last.**





MID BRONZE METALLIC
Effect

DESIGNED FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

The finished installation combines the visual impact Jack wanted with practical features for everyday family life.

Integral blinds from Morley Blinds help control the late-afternoon and evening sun, keeping the clean appearance of the doors without the dust associated with conventional blinds.

“We love them,” says Jack. “The blinds help us to control the light while we’re eating or watching TV. Not only do they look great, having integral blinds means nothing to clean.”

The bi-folding doors have also transformed access to the garden, with the family making the most of the new connection throughout the summer.

“We’ve had them open practically all summer,” says Jack. “And the dog loves being able to wander in and out as she pleases.”

A COLOUR THAT GETS NOTICED

For Jack, though, the biggest success is still the way the doors look.

He comments: “I know bi-folds have been around for years, but I still think they look stunning – and the bronze colour makes them even more of a feature.”

The response from family, friends and followers on social media has been equally positive, with Jack already receiving enquiries from people interested in choosing bronze for their own homes.

And having installed and lived with the doors himself, would he choose the same combination again?

“Absolutely, yes!”