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# Ding-dong, ditch your old doorbell

Reader Edith Doan reminds us how simple it is to jazz up your entry with a stylish push button **By AMANDA SHETTLETON + Photographs by WENDELL T. WEBBER**

When renovating her family's Cape Cod, in New Hope, Pennsylvania, Edith Doan left no detail undone, not even the doorbell. "We joked it was the only thing we wouldn't touch," she says. "But one thing led to another, and before we knew it, even the doorbell went." Edith chose a clean-lined bell button in a satin-nickel finish (right) to complement her new handle and lockset. But the options for electric buttons, which became popular in the 1880s as updates of mechanical bells rung with the pull of a chain or the twist of a thumb turn, are almost endless. Which is why we gathered up our favorites for you: 18 doorbell buttons that offer a warm welcome to guests even before announcing their arrival.

how to make a buzz-worthy first impression



Edith's entryway



## sleek and simple

THOMAS & BETTS  
Size: 1 1/4" W x 2 1/8" H  
Made of: Brass with a satin-nickel finish  
Cost: \$9; truevalue.com

## baroque

BALDWIN

Size: 1 1/2" W x 2" H

Made of: Lacquered brass

Cost: \$40;

baldwinhardware.com



## classic caller

WHITTINGTON COLLECTION  
Size: 2 3/4" diameter  
Made of: Polished brass  
Cost: \$16; signaturehardware.com

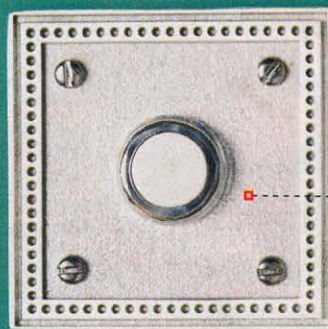
## formal floral

NUTONE

Size: 1 3/4" W x 3 1/4" H

Made of: Brass with an oil-rubbed-bronze finish

Cost: \$40; lampsplus.com



## beaded

VINCENT MANGO  
Size: 2 1/2" square  
Made of: Pewter  
Cost: \$57;  
doorbellfactory.com





**craftsman**

OAK PARK HOME & HARDWARE

Size: 1½"W × 5"H

Made of: Copper with an oil-rubbed-bronze finish

Cost: \$77; ophh.com



**french flair**

ATLAS HOMEWARES

Size: 2"W × 3"H

Made of: Brass with a brushed-nickel finish

Cost: \$39;

atlashomewares.com



**art deco**

VINCENT MANGO

Size: 2"W × 5"H

Made of: Pewter with an antiqued finish

Cost: \$57;

doorbellfactory.com

**golden traditional**

BALDWIN

Size: 1½" diameter

Made of: Polished brass

Cost: \$44;

baldwinhardware.com



**eastlake**

RESTORATION HARDWARE

Size: 2¼" diameter

Made of: Brass with an oil-rubbed-bronze finish

Cost: \$10;

restorationhardware.com

**classic hospitality**

THOMAS & BETTS

Size: 1½"W × 3½"H

Made of: Brass with a silver finish

Cost: \$24; 1800doorbell.com



**naturalistic**

BUCK SNORT LODGE

Size: 2"W × 3¾"H

Made of: Zinc with an antiqued-brass finish

Cost: \$24; bellacor.com

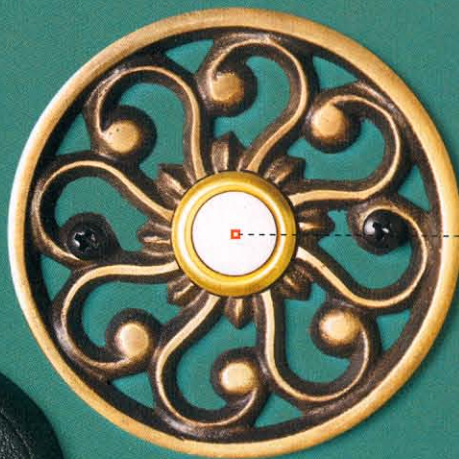






**contoured**

HEATHCO  
Size: 1½"W × 3¼"H  
Made of: Brass with a satin-nickel finish  
Cost: \$20;  
lampsplus.com



**whimsical**

WATERWOOD  
Size: 3½" diameter  
Made of: Brass with an antiqued finish  
Cost: \$28;  
doorbellfactory.com

**colonial**  
HOUSE OF ANTIQUE HARDWARE  
Size: 2½"W × 4¾"H  
Made of: Wrought steel with a black powder-coated finish  
Cost: \$32;  
houseofantiquehardware.com



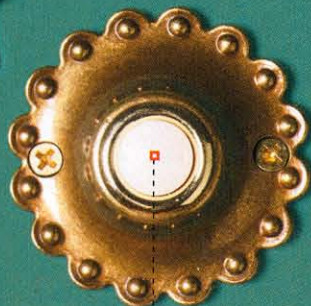
**embossed floral**

NUTONE  
Size: 2" square  
Made of: Brass with a pewter finish  
Cost: \$45; lampsplus.com



**mid-century modern**

REJUVENATION  
Size: 2¼"W × 4"H  
Made of: Brass with a polished-chrome finish  
Cost: \$33;  
rejuvenation.com



**scalloped**

ATLAS HOMEWARES  
Size: 2¼" diameter  
Made of: Brass with a burnished-bronze finish  
Cost: \$40;  
atlashomewares.com



**vintage greeting**

WHITTINGTON COLLECTION  
Size: 1½"W × 3¼"H  
Made of: Brass with an oil-rubbed-bronze finish  
Cost: \$18;  
signaturehardware.com