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Your front door is the first thing people notice when passing or approaching your home. It accentuates the beauty of your home and sets it apart from the houses around it. It is a statement of your style and a big factor determining your home's curb appeal.

You can create a door that really makes a statement, thanks to the innovative designs at Portico Entry Doors. Their Manalapan factory produces custom designed distinctive, artistic doors that combine beauty, functionality and longevity. Each door is created and crafted like a piece of fine art.

But the real beauty is in the construction. These doors are ruggedly constructed to resist rot, flaking and warping that occurs in less expensive doors. They're built with the best materials available to last for many years with little to no maintenance. Their steel doors are fully wrapped by 20 gauge steel skins separated by a thermal break, aided by foam insulation, to prevent the cold of winter or the heat of summer from radiating in and/or out of your home. The skeleton of the door is made of thick wood that allows the door slab to be guaranteed for the lifetime of the door. The locks are protected by a 20" inch block of wood that is reinforced by a 14 gauge steel channel and each door frame is built using rot resistant, pvc clad, jambs that can virtually sit in water with no adverse affect. Beautiful glass inserts, available with wrought iron, laser cut steel or various custom painted designs, are also energy efficient. The final touch and the one that really makes the statement comes in the finish.

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Portico Entry Doors uses the same painting process used in the automotive industry to give your door smooth, rich, bold colors in gloss or satin finishes that will resist fading, flaking, chipping or discoloration for many years. You can even choose a two tone door, that allows the interior to match the inside of your home and the exterior to compliment their homes facade. "We take great pride in knowing that our doors really stand apart from the standard doors seen in most neighborhoods." says Portico Entry Doors, Guy Gabizon. "We are also able to offer very competitive pricing, because people get them right from our factory." The building process takes 3-4 weeks from the time the final design is agreed, and prices start from around \$1000.

Portico Entry Doors factory is located at 227 Route 33 East, in Manalapan. Call Portico at 732-792-6241 for hours and appointments. ■