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Barn Door Project

This old barn (not This Old House) has been under remodeling for the past 3 years. As salvage materials become available, I try to finish off another part of the barn. The two center bays are someday going to become my getaway wood shop. The plan is to get the wood tools out of the garage and also all the saw dust that goes with them. This should make several members of the family as well as their vehicles much happier. Two years ago, the concrete slab went in on the floor to finish off



that part of it. I then framed the openings square and flat as they originally were just 4x4 and plywood pole building construction. I never quite figured out the door situation for these openings. First planned were rolling barn doors that would stack to the left. This never came to be. Next, I salvaged some big, antique bifolding carriage doors off another garage and was going to use these. The mechanisms were impossible to find so that too never came to be. So I gave in and trimmed the openings to standard garage door size of 8' wide and 7' tall hoping I would tear out some doors at some time. That never came to be soon enough. Then I met Keven from The Garage Door Store. We talked, he came and looked, and a couple weeks later, he had just the thing for me. Two beautiful 3 panel doors!



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The trick to this install was the low clearance tracks that Kevin sourced to make the doors fit into the low ceiling height that I have in the barn. If you notice to the right photo, the tracks are a dual set up to make the geometry of the door lift function as it should. Compare this to your standard garage door and you will see the obvious difference. Who would have known? Not me!



DON'T!

Now the following should never be done by you. EVER. Got it? EVER! Only a trained pro like Kevin should mess the tension on the springs of a garage door. Lots have tried and are now missing eyes or fingers. DON'T DO IT. I would tell you how many turns he did and why but that might empower you to try. No way. Trust me that Kevin has the right tools and the know how to do it safely.

In about 3 1/2 hours, Kevin and his assistant got the two doors up, one opener, and all adjusted and cleaned up. They look fantastic and make me want to finish out the rest of the barn to a bit higher level!



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