



Energy Tutorial: Building Fabric

Activity: make a draught excluder

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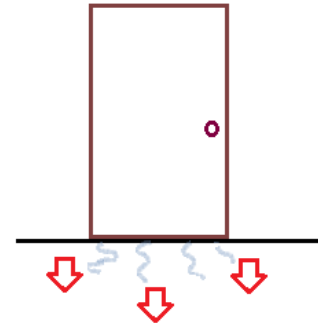
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MAKE A DRAUGHT EXCLUDER

Draughts are responsible for 15% of heat loss in our homes. Blocking draughts from leaky doors and windows can be a big help when trying to keep this heat in.

One way we can do this is by using draught excluders. A draught excluder is a long object used to block the gap at the bottom of doors and windows to eliminate cold draughts and slow heat loss. They are cheap and easy to make and your house will feel cosier as a result. You might even be able to turn your heating down a notch, making your home cheaper and greener to heat.



Follow the steps outlined in the websites below to make your own draught excluder. It only takes a matter of minutes to make a plain draught excluder, and if you make them in different shapes or use interesting fabric they don't have to look boring. You can either buy fun material to use or make it from old clothes or scraps of fabric.

How to make a draught excluder:

<http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2010/jan/05/how-to-make-draught-excluder>

How to make a sausage dog draught excluder or a draught excluder from old socks:

<https://www.ovoenergy.com/blog/lifestyle/make-your-own-sausage-dog-draft-excluder.html>

Watch a demo here:

<http://bcove.me/sjp8n7cl>

We'd love to see your finished draught excluder – take a snap and send us an email! Can you notice the difference after using it at home?