

SCREENS FOR FRONT DOOR WINDOWS OF FORD EXCEL

First you have to measure the width around your door at the window area. You have to take in the width of the door near the outside mirror. My finished screen is 85" wide (42.5" + 42.5") and 28.5" high. So I would buy a piece of screening that is at least 86" long (or a little extra if you want). You need a piece of screening that is at least 30" wide.

I bought a package from Cdn Tire, but it turned out to be just an 1" too small, so I had to add a piece that was cut from the angle of the window, to my first one. So just ignore I guess, but it was nice soft screening. For the 2nd window I bought the screening at Rona, they have different grades and widths etc.

You make it sorta like a pillow case with the folded part at the open edge of the door. I then stood on a stepladder and basted all along the edge at the top of the window and down the window by the mirror. (I first tried straight pins, but they keep falling out.)

The mirror area is the tricky part. Being as it is in the way you can't baste near it until you cut up so you can cut around the mirror. Cut up so that the material sits smooth.

Mine is cut about 8" from the door edge to the mirror and then up about 8". Once you get the top and side basted, you can cut the hole for the mirror and make sure the screen sits nice and flat against the door. Once your satisfied with it cut a whole for the base of the mirror that is attached to the door.

Now that the basting is done, take the screen off the door sew it where you basted it. Then cut off the excess screening about a 1/4" above your seam. Then sew a 1/4" or 1/2" folded binding over your seam and around the hole for the mirror and along the bottom by the mirror. I don't sew it all along the bottom.

Then sew on two small strips of Velcro to hold the opening by the mirror close. I fold the screens up and store in a zippered bag that sheets came in and store in the door pocket.

Don't forget to make one for the other window. Hopefully this is as clear as mud. It cost me about \$10 each. If you purchase them from Skreenz they are around \$55 or so plus shipping to Canada. Once you get one done, the second one is easier.

When it is hot, we just slip these over the door and put the window down. You can leave your window down at night to get extra air in the unit. I have read where people have them on their windows when they have pets in the vehicle. You can't really tell that the window is down if it is down all the way.

I can provide pictures if required. Email me at g.bull14@yahoo.com

Happy sewing.

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