

The Porch Enclosure Planner

Measure, pick and close in your porch for winter

1. Measure Your Porch

Measure twice before you shop. A curtain that is a little wider than the opening overlaps at the edges and keeps the wind out.

What to measure	Your number	Why it matters
Opening width		Vinyl or curtain panel size
Ceiling or beam height		Panel length and rod height
Floor to railing		Where the panel ends
Door gap at the bottom		Draft stopper size
Nearest outdoor outlet		Heater and light cord path

2. Pick Your Enclosure Layer

Layer	Best for	What you need
Clear vinyl curtain	Blocking wind and rain	Panel, grommets, rod or hooks
Outdoor curtains	Privacy and a softer look	Panels and a sturdy rod
Electric heater	Warming the seat area	Outdoor outlet and safe distance
Rug and cushions	Cold floor and hard seats	Waterproof rug, waterproof cushions
Lights	Dark evenings	Weatherproof string lights

3. Cold Month Plan

Month	What I plan to do	Done?
November	Measure, order panels, rod and draft stopper	
December	Hang curtains, add rug and lights	
January	Check heater distance, add blankets	
February	Open a panel on mild days for air	
March	Take panels down, dry and store	

4. Shopping and Budget

Item	Budget	Notes	Done?
Vinyl or outdoor curtains			
Curtain rod			
Heater			
Rug and cushions			
Draft stopper			
Lights			
Total			

5. Safety and Setup Checklist

- Keep every heater well away from vinyl and fabric.
- Use electric heaters only, no flame in a closed-in space.
- Leave a gap or open a panel for fresh air.
- Check the rod holds the weight before hanging panels.
- Plug lights and heater into outdoor-safe outlets.
- Step back and look from the street.

6. Off Season Storage Checklist

- Take panels down on a dry day.
- Wipe off dust and moisture.
- Dry vinyl fully before rolling it.
- Store cushions in a deck box.
- Label it with the season.
- Store flat or rolled, nothing heavy on top.