



Information Sheet

Pull Down Attic Stairs

The addition of pull-down stairs turns empty attic space into added storage space. And what home can't use additional storage space? Honey Do can help you by installing some drop down attic stairs. You need to check the space you have to see if you can put in attic stairs. See the form below and complete and return to our office.

The folding stairs come in widths of 25" to 30" and lengths of 7' to 8.5' for standard installation. They can hold weights from 250 to 350 pounds. Note: The folding stairs cannot be installed where there are heating, cooling, or ventilation ducts imbedded in the ceiling. They also cannot be installed if the joists are made of any material other than wood or in a suspended ceiling.

In order for us to determine if adding pull-down attic stairs is feasible, we need some information from you:

1) What is the distance between the ceiling joists? _____ inches

Important: We need to know the distance between the ceiling joists to the nearest inch from inside one wood joist to the inside of the next. Trick: If you have a basement, you can measure there as they are the same size.

2) Where were you thinking of having the stairs installed? _____

3) What is the vertical distance between the floor and ceiling in the area you want the stairs installed to the nearest inch (ok feet)? _____

4) Is there enough room for the stairs to unfold easily and for the ladder legs to rest on a flat surface? A hallway is usually a good place to install them as it will provide for adequate space for the stairs to unfold (7ft- 8.5 ft) _____

5) Are there electrical wires, water pipes, or gas pipes in the attic or ceiling where you want the stairs installed? Look in the attic: _____

If you are unable to get up into your attic, we would be more than happy to come out and make these assessments for you.

STEPS TO INSTALLING ATTIC STAIRS:

We recommend a special drop down stair we purchase from Industrial Ladders in Emeryville.

We will do a pre-construction visit, order and pick up the material and deliver them to the job site, cut a hole in the ceiling, cut the ceiling joists as necessary, frame the rough opening, install temporary support boards, position the access ladder, install the access ladder, trim the ladder legs if necessary so they rest flat on the floor, frame around the finished opening, and paint the door, trim, and ceiling.

The cost for a normal installation is \$1,800 plus materials*.

* Does not include the cost to move electrical lines, water or gas pipes, heating or cooling equipment, or adding cross bracing or additional rafter or braces which may be required.