



# My Go-2-Guy Handyman Services

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## How to Silence a Squeaky Door Hinge

This is a trick I learned from my vanaisa. For those that don't know, vanaisa means grandpa in Estonian. A carpenter by trade and a handyman by choice he was always tinkering. One day when we were at the cottage that he and his friends had built many years ago, I caught him fiddling with the door to his bedroom. Being the curious child I was, I wanted to know what was going on. He explained that he was fixing his door because it was squeaky, and like the wonderful grandfather he was, he saw my interest and instinctively started teaching me what to do. Now, almost 16 years later, I feel it's my turn to pass this knowledge on to all of you.

### Tools Required:

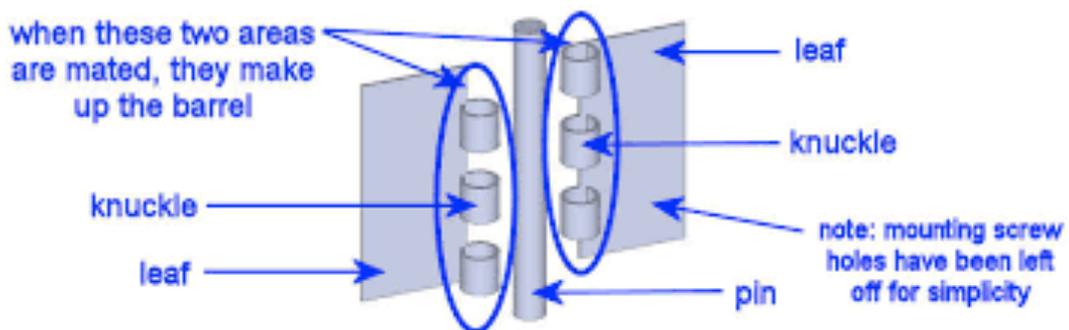
- Flathead screwdriver
- Hammer
- Damp rag
- Dry rags

### Materials Required:

- A sturdy nail (a 2 inch long finishing nail should work)
- Vaseline

## Instructions:

Before you dive in, take a quick glance at the diagram below and familiarize yourself with the terminology, as some of it will be used in the instructions.



#### Step 1:

You will be working with the door closed, so be sure you have all the things you'll need on the hinge side of the door before you start. If you don't, it's not the end of the world, but it means you will need put the pin back in and take it out again.

#### Step 2:

Take the nail and place it on the bottom of the pin and hammer it upwards to release it. Sometimes if the nail is not working or there is not enough space, you will need a flathead screwdriver to get under the head/cap of a pin. Once you get it up, pull the pin from the barrel.

Be sure to only work on one hinge at a time, as the pin of the hinge you are not working on helps to keep the door secure.

#### Step 3:

Wipe the pin clean with the damp rag. Once you have cleaned the pin, use the dry rag to remove any excess moisture.

#### Step 4:

This is where the Vaseline comes into play. Lightly coat the pin in Vaseline and wipe some into the top knuckle of the hinge. Vaseline is just as good a lubricant as the traditional options, and it adheres to the hinge much better, meaning there is virtually no possibility of it dripping and staining your floors or trim work. If excess Vaseline squeezes out of the hinge wipe it off with the dry rag.

#### Step 5:

Repeat steps 1 through 4 on the other hinge.

#### Step 6:

Work in the door by opening and closing it multiple times. This will help the Vaseline spread through the barrel.

There you have it -- the secret door silencing tip from the best finish carpenter I've ever known.

