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How To Fix A Broken Doorbell Button

Did you ever wonder why nobody ever seems to visit you anymore? Maybe it's because your doorbell doesn't work, and your would-be visitors turn away from your door, disappointed that you're not at home. To reactivate the old social life, try this. And don't be afraid of electric current-voltage is negligible.

Utensils

Small thin screwdriver
Wire stripper
Long-nosed pliers
Awl

Ingredients

Roll of plastic friction tape
New doorbell button

Approximate Time: 30 Minutes

1. Remove old doorbell button with screwdriver.
2. Unscrew the 2 connecting wires and straighten ends (Fig. 67A).
3. Clean away dirt.
4. If wires are broken, strip both back with wire stripper 1/2" inch.
5. If wires are frayed, tape frayed areas with friction tape (Fig. 67A).
6. With long-nosed pliers, form hooks of wire ends (Fig. 67B).
7. Unscrew terminal screws on new doorbell but do not remove (Fig. 67C).
8. Place hooks around terminal screws in clockwise direction and tighten screws in clockwise direction, making sure wires do not touch (Fig. 67D).
9. Push wires back into wall hole.
10. Place new doorbell button against door where old button was removed.
11. With awl, punch holes in door through screw holes in the doorbell button plate (Fig. 67A).
12. Insert screws and drive into place.
13. Press button, and bell, buzzer, or chimes will sound.

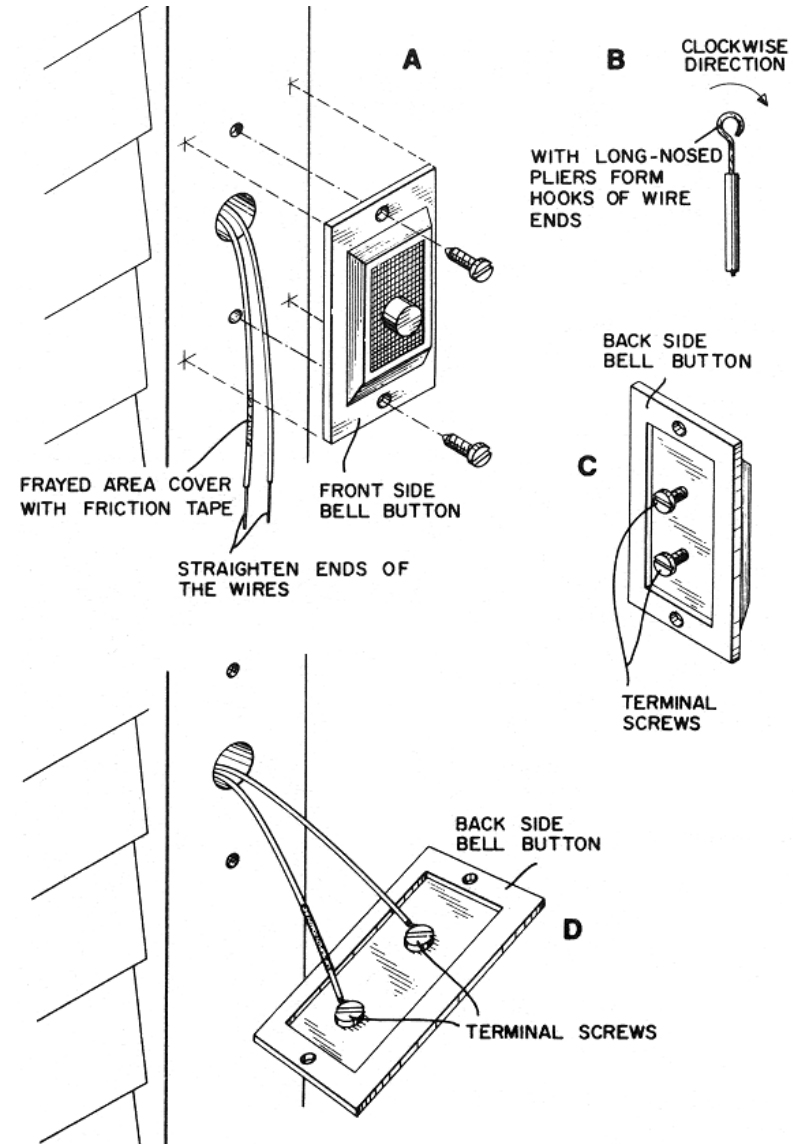


Figure 67.
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