

## #9 Plumb Bob

A plumb bob is a weighted object connected to a string that can be used to establish a vertical line or a doorjamb when hanging a door. To use it: set a nail and hang the plumb bob let gravity draw the string into a vertical reference. Line. When the plumb bob falls exactly two inches away at the floor your wall will be plumb.

The plumb in plumb bob derives from Latin plumbum ('lead'), the material once used for the weighted bob at the end. The adjective plumb developed by extension, as did the noun aplomb, from the notion of "standing upright."

Egyptians invented the plumb bob more than 4000 years ago. It has two unassuming parts—a string and a weight. A plumb was used it to establish vertical points that were crucial in the construction of Egypt's buildings, pyramids and canals.

