

Changing the Color or Material of a Single Wall

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QUESTION





I want to change the color or material of just one wall in my room to create an accent wall. How can I do this?





ANSWER

Changing the color or material of a single wall is easy to accomplish using either the Material Painter or by accessing the Wall Specification dialog.

To change the color or material of a single wall using the Material Painter

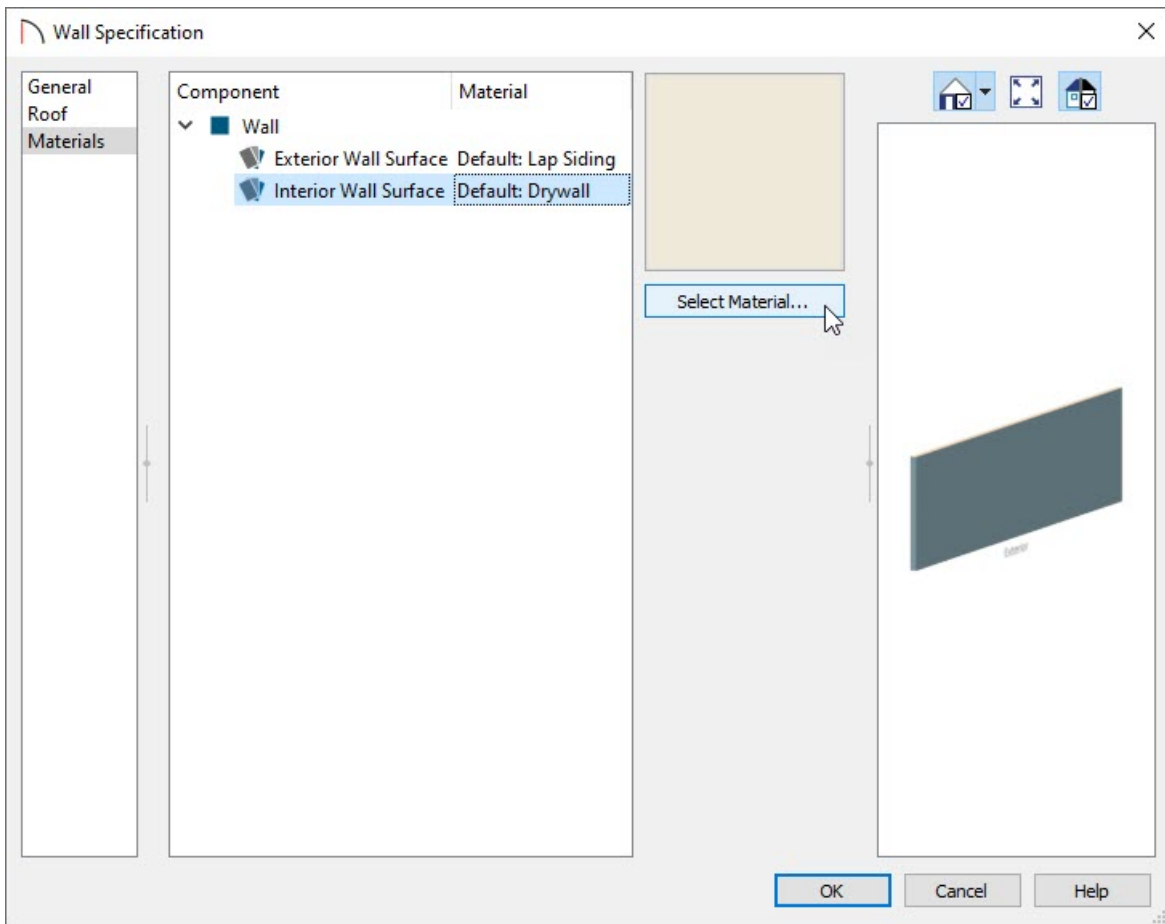
1. First, select **View> Library Browser**  to display the Library Browser.
2. Select **3D> Create Camera View> Doll House View**  so you can see the wall you wish to apply a material to.
3. Select **3D> Material Painter> Material Painter Component Mode**  to set the material painter to use the component mode.
4. In the Library Browser, search for and select the color or material you wish to apply to a single wall, bring your cursor into the 3D view, and notice that it changes to the material painter  .
5. Click on a wall to apply the selected color or material to that wall.

To change the color or material of a single wall using the Wall Specification dialog

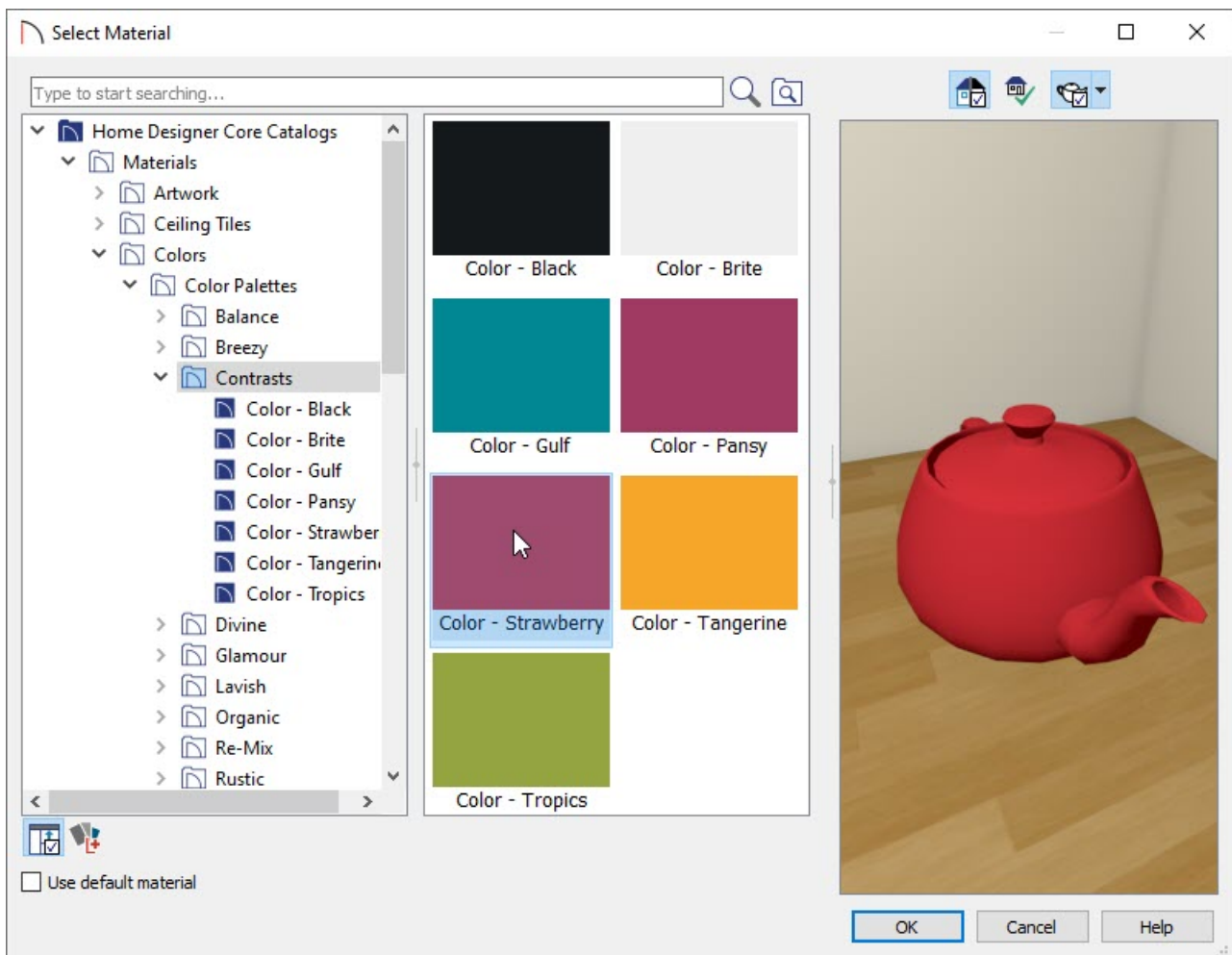
1. First, use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the wall and click on the **Open Object**  edit tool.

Note: You can select a Wall in either a 2D floor plan view, or in a 3D camera view, to open its specification dialog. If you are in a 3D camera view, and the entire room highlights first, click on the Select Next Object edit button, or press the Tab key on your keyboard to select just the individual wall.

2. Go to the **MATERIALS** panel of the **Wall Specification** dialog, select the Wall Surface you want to change, and click on the **Select Material** button to display the **Select Material** dialog.



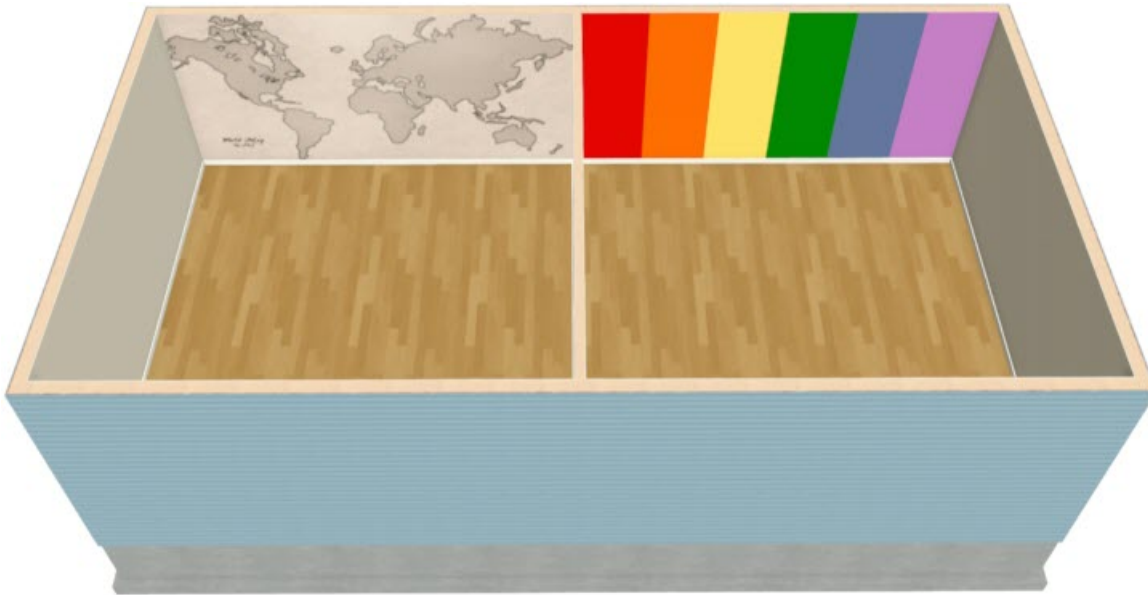
3. Navigate to the material or color you want to apply to the wall.



Notice that a display of the selected material displays to the right in the dialog if you have the Preview and Selection panes active.



4. Once you have the material that you want to use selected, click **OK** to close the dialog and **OK** again to apply the chosen material or color to the wall.


In some cases, such as when an exterior wall runs the length of several rooms, you may not want to change the material of the entire wall. Alternately, you may want to apply different colors to several different sections of the same wall to create a striped effect.




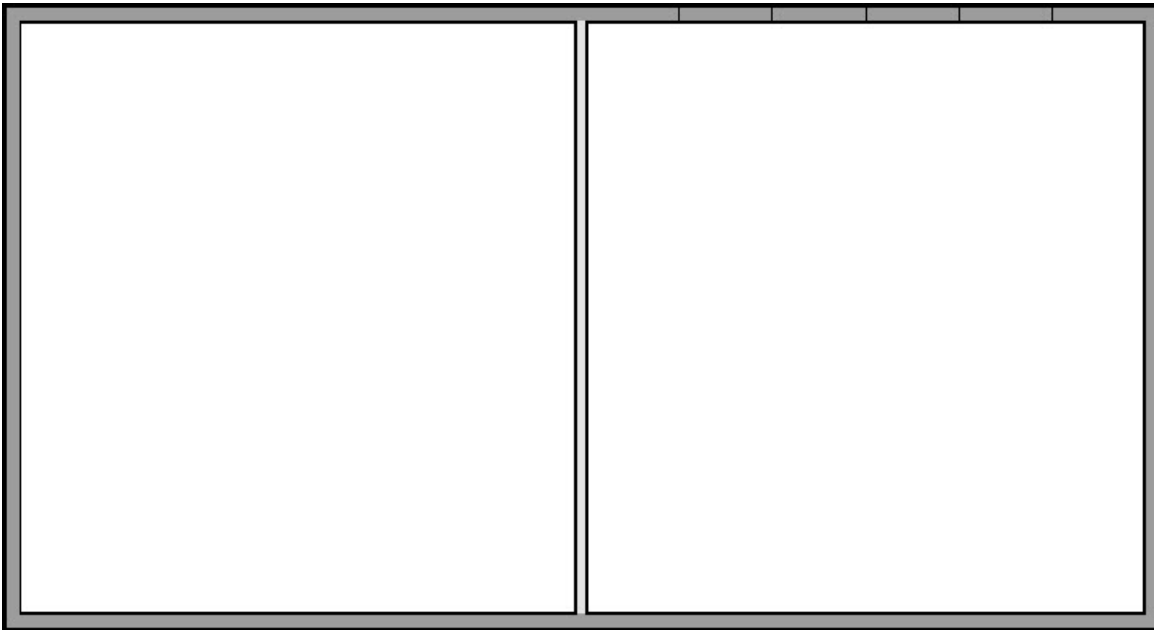
If you are in a 3D camera view, return to your 2D floor plan view for the following steps.

To change the color or material of a section of wall vertically

1. To apply a different color of material to just a section of a wall, you will first need to place break points on either side of the section that you want to change. To do this, **Select**  the wall you'd like to break into separate segments, click on the **Break**  edit tool located in the Edit toolbar, then click at the location where you want to place the break.

In Home Designer 2020 and prior program versions, navigate to **Build> Wall> Break Wall**  instead and click where you want one of the edges of the differing material to be at.

2. Follow the same procedure to place additional break points as needed.
3. After you have used the **Break**  tool, use the instructions above to change the material on just that section of the wall.



Note: The break tool applies a break in a wall. Once a wall is broken, the two wall segments are separate walls that can be modified independent of each other.

- If a wall break is placed near the intersection of two walls, the break is positioned at the center of the intersection.
- Walls separated by a break can be rejoined. Select one of the segments, then click on the end edit handle located at the break and drag it a few plan inches (mm) away from the break.