

# Using Open Below Rooms to Define an Opening to a Lower Floor

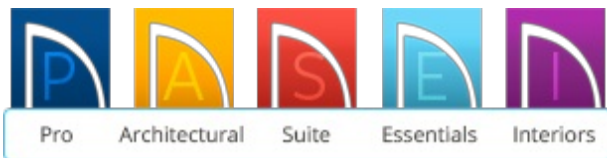
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## QUESTION




I want to create an opening or a hole to a lower floor, such as in a loft, balcony or mezzanine from my current floor but I cannot seem to make it work. How do I accomplish this task?

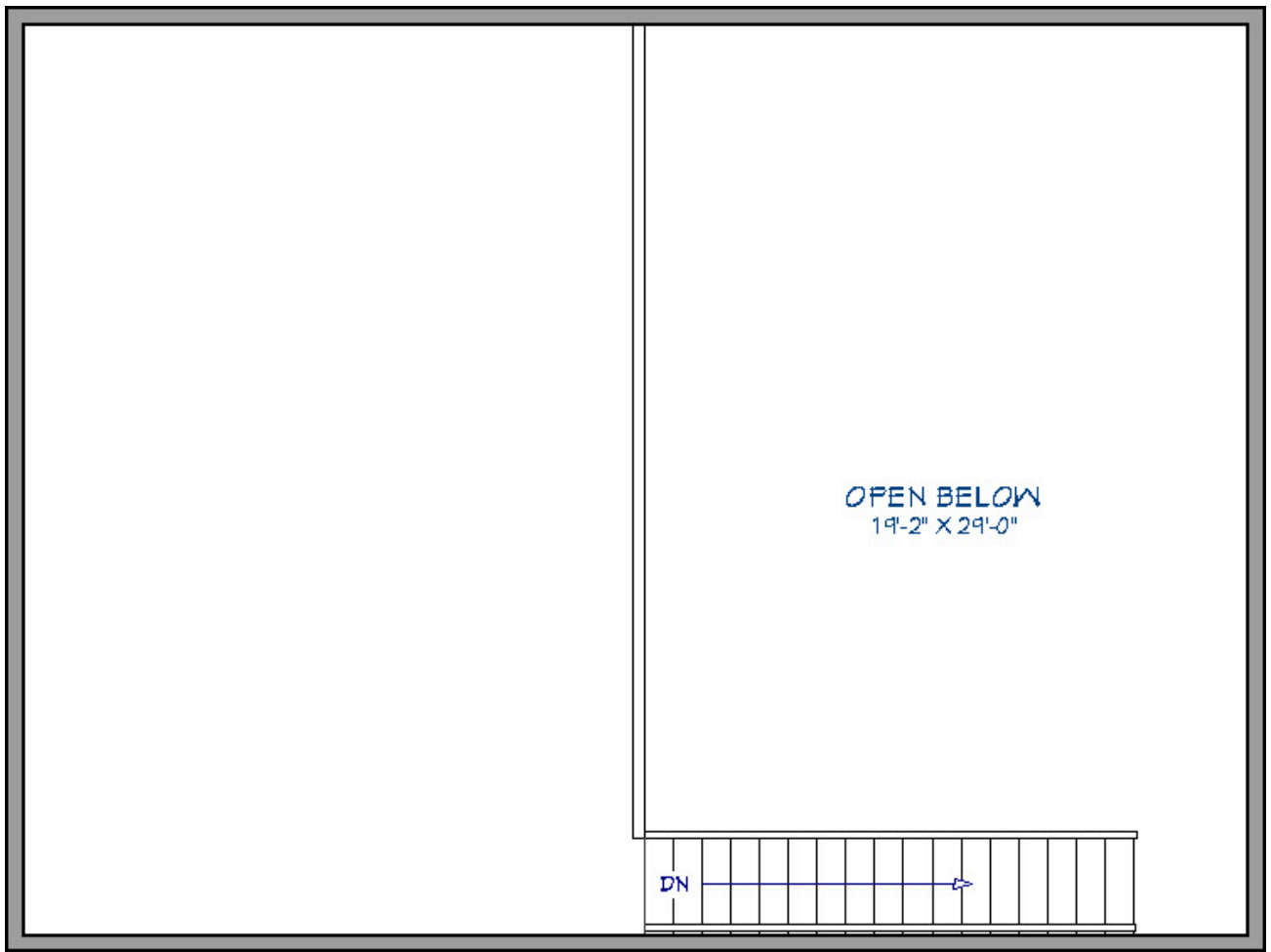


# ANSWER

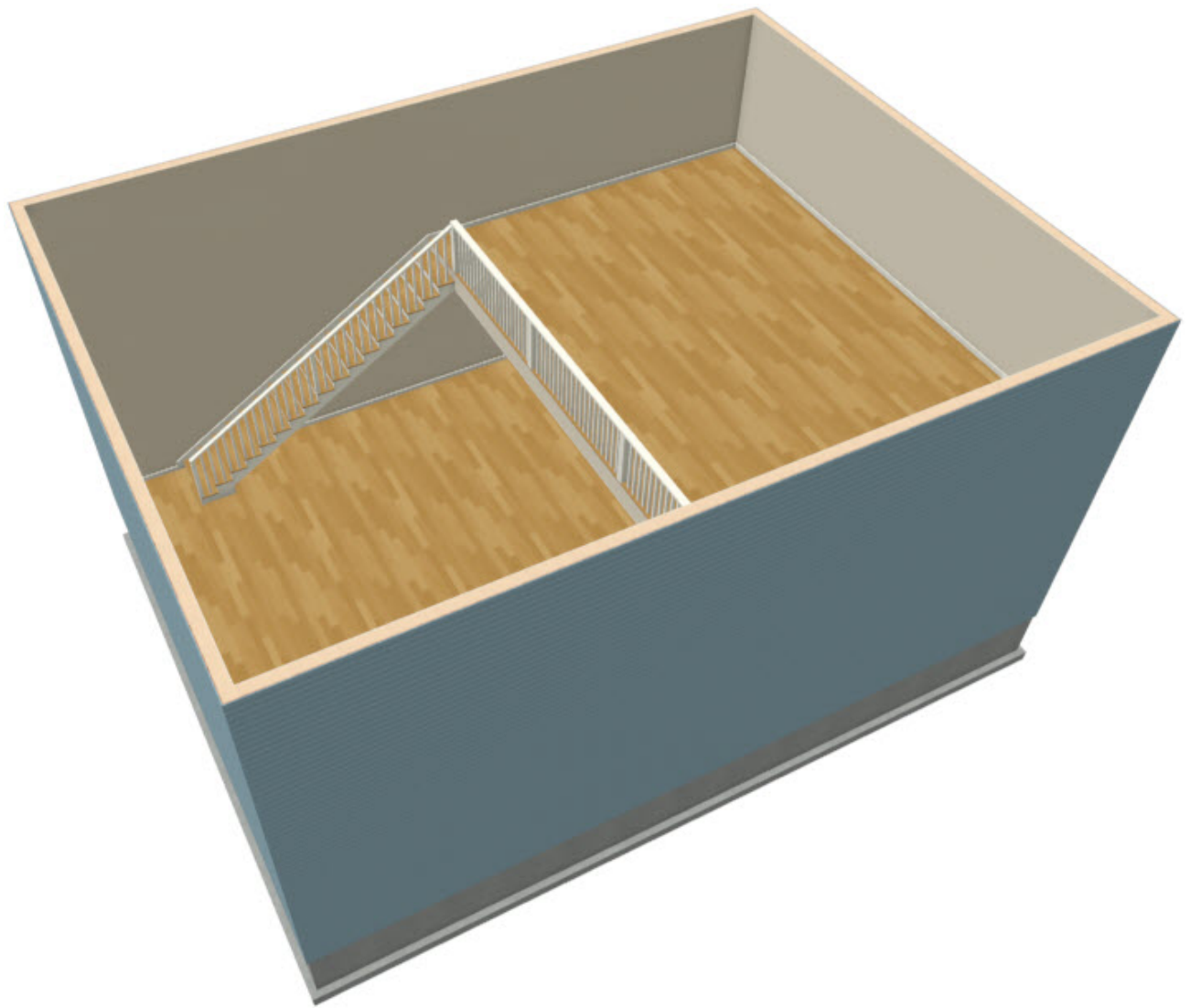
Creating a loft can be accomplished in Home Designer by utilizing a specialized room type called Open Below.

To create an area within a room that opens to a room below

1. Define the area you wish to open to the floor below by using any combination of the various wall types.
  - If you don't want any physical walls or railings, use the **Room Divider**  tool by navigating to **Build> Wall** from the menu.
2. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, select the room, then click on the **Open Object**  edit button.
3. On the **GENERAL** panel of the **Room Specification** dialog that opens, select the **Open Below** option from the **Room Type** drop-down menu, then click **OK**.



4. You should now be able to view an open area in a 3D view.



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