

Creating an Etched Glass Cabinet Door

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QUESTION

I would like to know how to create cabinets with etched glass or frosted doors using Home Designer. How is this accomplished?







ANSWER

While etched glass doors are not available by default in the Library Browser in Home Designer, you can easily import, or modify, existing materials to create an etched glass effect.

To add etched glass style doors

1. Select **Build> Cabinet> Base Cabinet** .

Although we are using a Base Cabinet for the purposes of this example, a **Wall Cabinet**  or **Full Height Cabinet**  could be used as well.

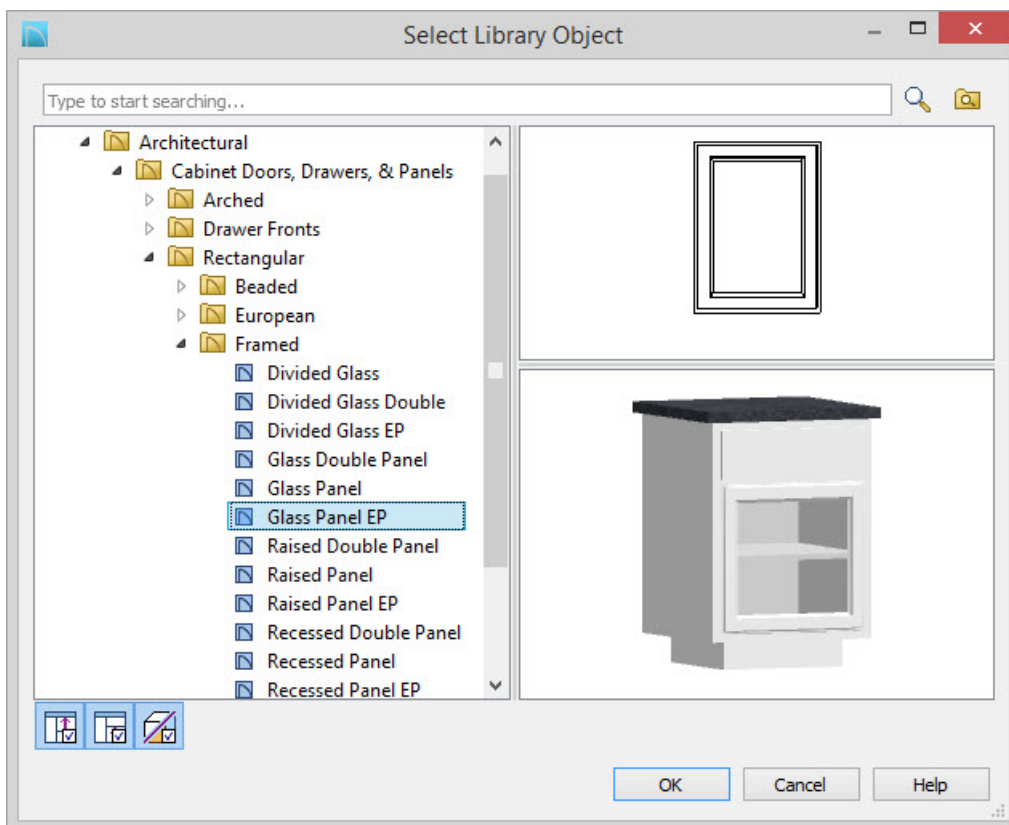
2. Once the Base Cabinet is placed, use the **Select Objects**  tool to select it, and click on the **Open Object**  edit tool to display the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.

Note: The appearance of the Cabinet Specification dialog and the options within it will vary depending on the version of Home Designer that you are using.

3. In Home Designer version 10 and newer programs, select the **DOOR/DRAWER** panel, then, for the **Door Style** click on the **Library** button to display the **Select Library Object** dialog.

In Home Designer version 9.0 programs, select the **FRONT** tab.


4. In the **Select Library Object** dialog, browse to a glass door style that you would like to use and click **OK**.

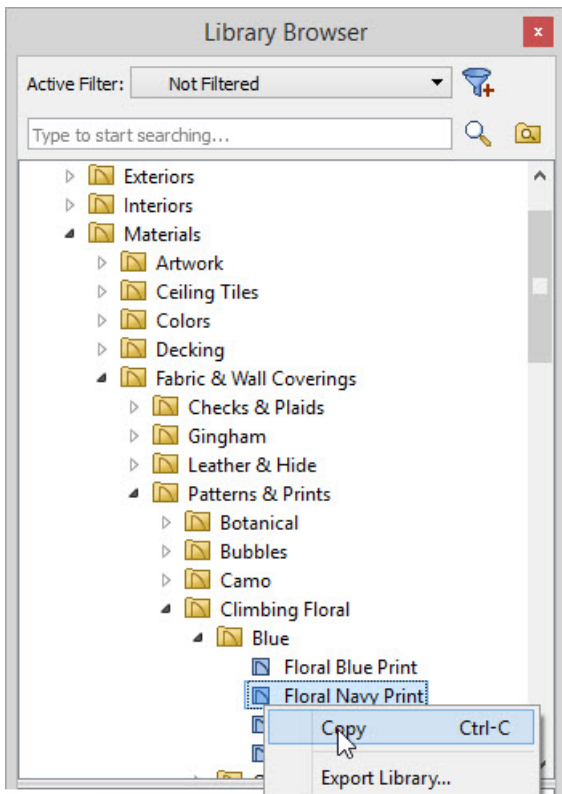


For the purposes of this example, we used the Glass Panel EP Rectangular Cabinet Door.

5. Make any other necessary modifications to the cabinet, such as its size, the hardware that is applied to it, or its materials, and click **OK** once more to exit out of the Base Cabinet Specification dialog.

To create the etched glass material

1. Select **Library**> **Library Browser**  to display the Library Browser window.
2. Browse to a material that you would like to copy and modify to create your etched glass material, right-click on it and select **Copy**.

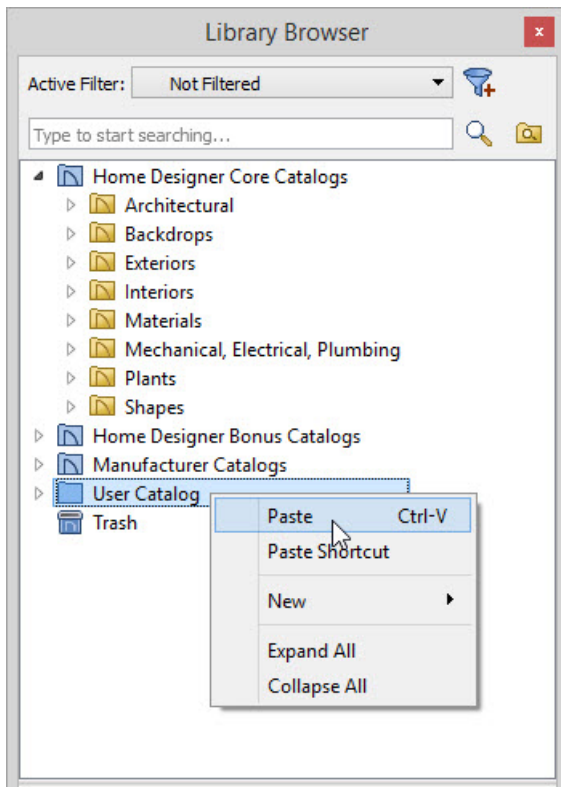


For the purposes of this example, browse to **Materials**> **Fabric & Wall Coverings**> **Patterns & Prints**> **Climbing Floral**> **Blue**> **Floral Navy Print**.

You could also import an image from an outside source, such as a picture that you have taken, or from a picture that you located online.

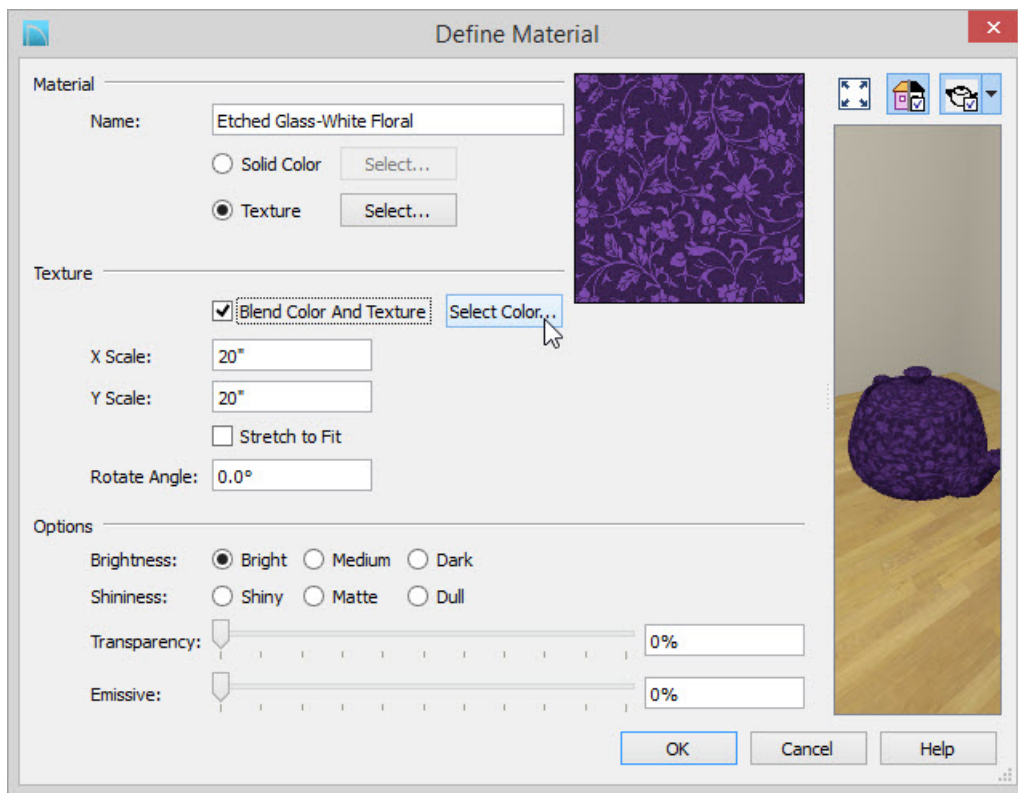
For instructions on how to add your own materials to Home Designer, see the article on Adding a custom material linked in the [Related Articles](#) section.

3. Scroll down to your **User Catalog** folder, right click on it, and select **Paste**.

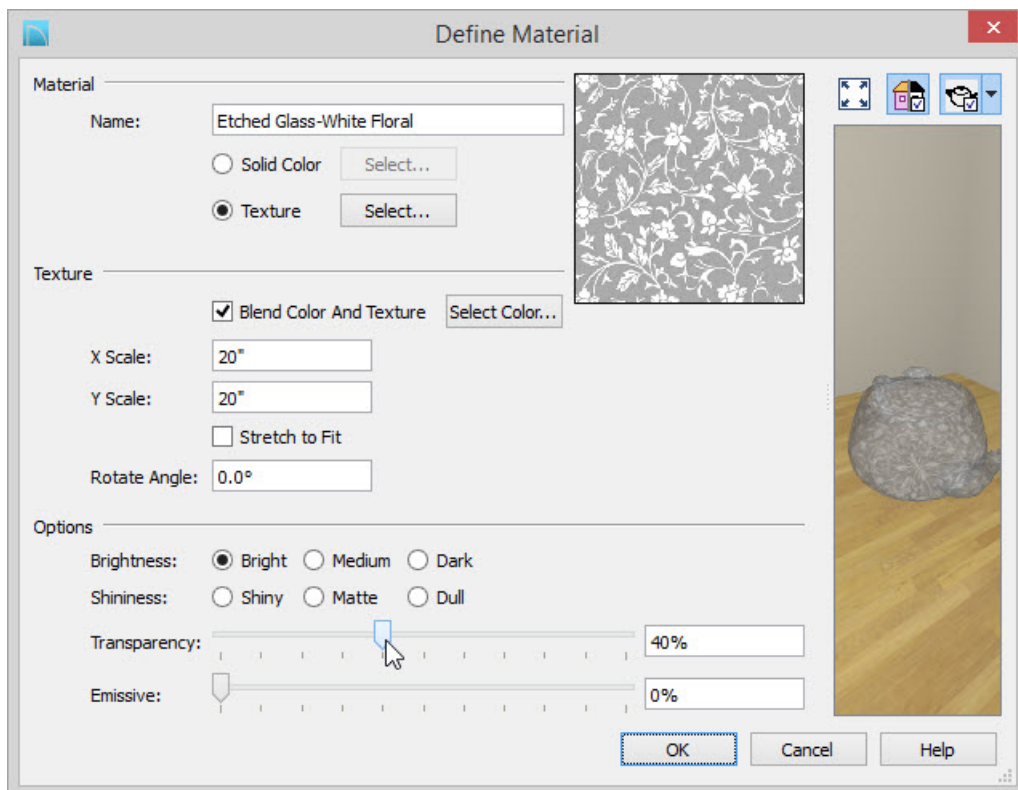


In Home Designer version 9.0 programs, scroll down to your **User Libraries** folder, right click on it, and select **Paste**.

4. Now that you have a copy of the material in your User Libraries, right click on it and select **Open** to display the **Define Material** dialog.
5. In the **Define Material** dialog:
 - Rename the material to **Etched Glass - White Floral**
 - Check the **Blend Color And Texture** checkbox,





- Click on the **Select Color** button to display the **Color Chooser** dialog, select an off white, and click **OK**.
- Adjust the material's transparency using the slider to 40%





- Click **OK** when you have completely making changes to apply them, and the material in your User Libraries will take on the characteristics that you have adjusted.

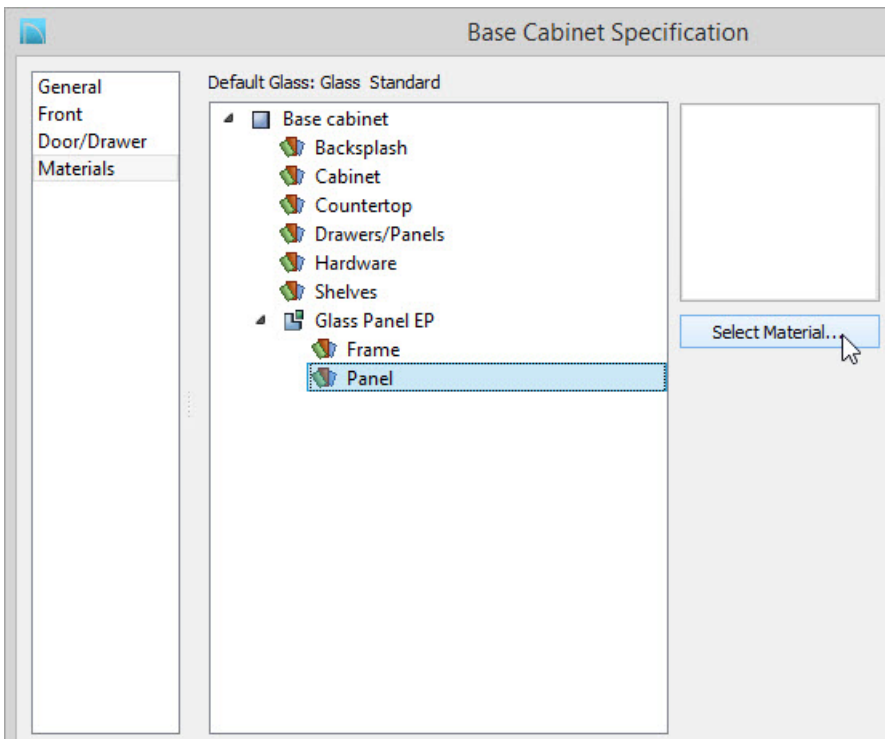
Now that we have both our cabinet, and etched glass material ready, we can apply the material to our base cabinet's glass doors.


We can do this either in a 3D camera view by using the **Material Painter**  in **Component**  mode, or by applying the material in the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.

For the purposes of this example, we will walk you through adjusting the material in the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.

To change the cabinet's glass material using the dialog

1. Use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the Base Cabinet, and click on the **Open Object**  edit tool to again display the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.
2. Select the **MATERIALS** panel, select the Cabinet Door's **Glass** option to highlight it, and click on the **Select Material** button to display the **Select Library Object** dialog.



3. Browse to your **User Libraries** and select the **Etched Glass - White Floral** material to highlight it, and click **OK** to close the dialog and apply the glass to the Base Cabinet.
4. Click **OK** once again to apply the change in the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.
5. Take a 3D **Camera**  view to see your results.



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