Building a Clerestory/Skillion Roof

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The information in this article applies to:



QUESTION

How can I build a structure with two shed roofs facing each other?



ANSWER

A <u>clerestory</u> style roof, also known as a mono-pitched, lean-to, or skillion roof, has two shed roofs with <u>ridge</u> or top edges that face one another, and with one top of the ridges higher than the other.

Home Designer will attempt to generate a single, integrated roof plan whenever possible, but by adjusting a structure's height and roof pitch, you can produce different results - like a clerestory.

To create the main structure

1. In a New Plan 📄, select Build> Wall> Straight Exterior Wall 🛐 and create a basic rectangular structure.

In this example, a 20' x 20' structure is used.

2. Select **Build> Roof> Build Roof** and in the **Build Roof** dialog that displays:

N Build Roof		×
Roof Materials Roof Styles	Build	Auto Rebuild Roofs
	Specifications Pitch (in 12): Minimum Alcove Size: Eave Overhang: Gable Overhang:	4* 36* 18* 18*

• Specify the desired **Pitch (in 12)** of the roof.

In this example, a pitch of 4" in 12 is used.

Note: If a higher pitch is desired, a clerestory will require more room to be created. In the clerestory section below, specify a larger value if a larger pitch is used.

If you don't want the pitch of the roof planes that make up the clerestory to be the same, you can

instead specify the pitch value on a per wall basis. Please see the <u>Related Articles</u> section to learn more.

- Specify the **Overhangs** to your liking.
- Make any additional changes such as the MATERIALS of the roof, then click **OK**.
- 3. Using the **Select Objects** \geqslant tool, select the top wall and click the **Open Object** \prod edit tool.
- 4. On the ROOF panel of the **Wall Specification** dialog that opens, select the **Full Gable Wall** option and click **OK**.

│ Wall Specification				
General Roof Materials	Roof Options	 Hip Wall Full Gable Wall Dutch Gable Wall High Shed/Gable Wall Knee Wall Extend Slope Downward 		

Alternatively, you can select the wall and click the **Change to Gable Wall(s)** \triangle edit tool to set this wall as a gable wall without needing to access the dialog box above.

5. Repeat this process to set the bottom wall as a **Full Gable Wall** so that a gable roof with a ridge in the center of the building is created.



To add the clerestory

- 1. Navigate to **Build> Floor> Build New Floor** from the menu, select the **Derive new 2nd floor plan from the 1st floor plan** option in the **New Floor** dialog that displays, then click **OK**.
- 2. In the **2nd Floor Defaults** dialog, change the **Rough Ceiling** value to be the height of the clerestory you want to create, then click **OK**.

In this example, a value of 48" is used.

2nd Floor Defaults				
Structure Moldings Fill Style Materials	Absolute Elevations Floor Above: Ceiling: Floor: Floor Below:		169 3/4" 121 3/4" 0"	
	Rough	n Ceiling:	48"	N
	Finish	ed Ceiling:	46 1/2"	63
	SWT	To Ceiling:	48"	
	Ceiling	g Below:	109 1/8"	
	• Stem	Wall:	37 1/2"	
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Note: The value specified here may need to be adjusted to accommodate the roof planes that generate. Alternatively, the pitch of the roof planes may need to be adjusted to be lower if a smaller clerestory is desired.

3. With the second floor present in the floor plan, select the left or right hip wall, and move it into the center of the structure.

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- 4. After the wall has been moved, select it, and click the **Open Object** click tool.
- 5. In the **Wall Specification** dialog that displays, click on the ROOF panel, select the **High Shed/Gable Wall** option, then click **OK**.

📉 Wall Specif	Wall Specification				
General Roof Materials	Roof Options —	 Hip Wall Full Gable Wall Dutch Gable Wall High Shed/Gable Wall Knee Wall Extend Slope Downward 			

6. Using the Select Objects tool, click inside of the second floor room to select it and click on the Open Object edit tool.

7. In the **Room Specification** dialog:

	Room Spe	cification		
Gen Stru	General Structure	Absolu	te Elevations	
	Moldings Fill Style Materials		Ceiling:	169 3/4" (U)
			Floor Below:	0"
		Relativ	e Heights	
			Rough Ceiling:	48
			Finished Ceiling:	46 1/2"
			SWT To Ceiling:	48" 🖖
			Ceiling Below:	109 1/8"
		+	Stem Wall:	37 1/2"
			SWT = Stem Wall	Тор
		Ceiling		
				Roof Over This Room
				Flat Ceiling Over This Room
				Shelf Ceiling
				Use Soffit Surface for Ceiling
			Ceiling Structure:	5 1/2"
			Ceiling Finish:	5/8" Default

- On the GENERAL panel, change the **Room Type** to **Open Below**.
- On the STRUCTURE panel, uncheck **Flat Ceiling Over This Room**.
- This would also be a good time to change the **Rough Ceiling** value again if needed.
- Click **OK** to confirm the changes and close the dialog.

8. Lastly, take a **Camera (io)** view to see the results.



Related Articles

Creating Multiple Shed Roofs (/support/article/KB-01020/creating-multiple-shed-roofs.html)
 Specifying Roof Pitches (/support/article/KB-00127/specifying-roof-pitches.html)

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