

Placing a Gate in a Deck Railing

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QUESTION



When I create a deck with stairs, I notice that an opening is present. How do I convert this to a gate?

ANSWER

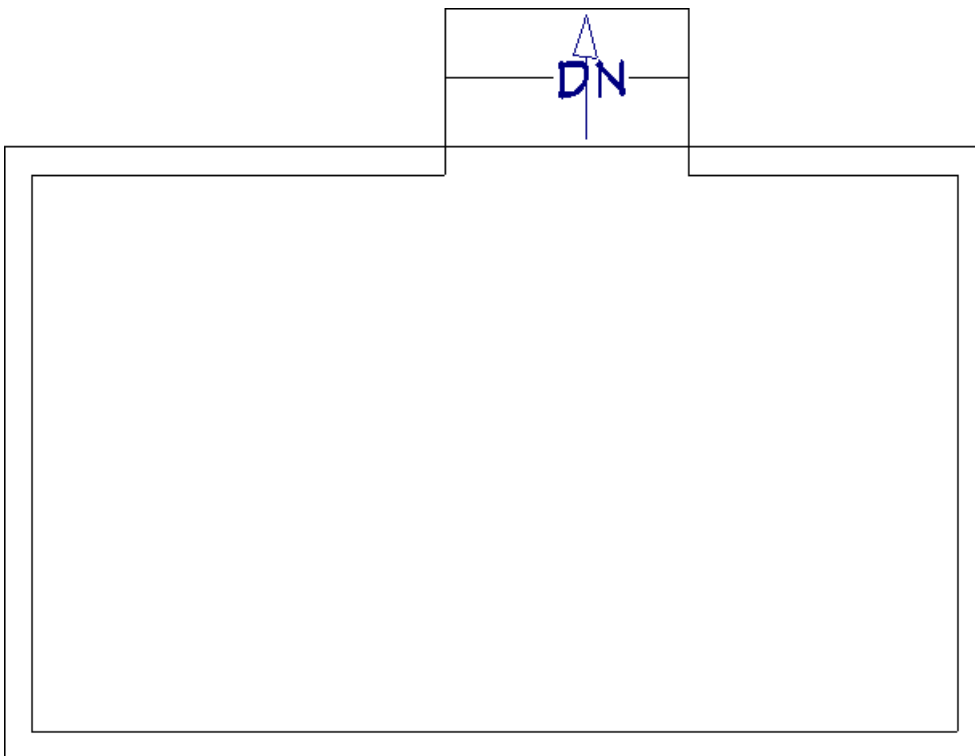
A doorway can be converted to a gate by specifying it as a Hinged Door Type and changing the Door Style to a gate option using the library.





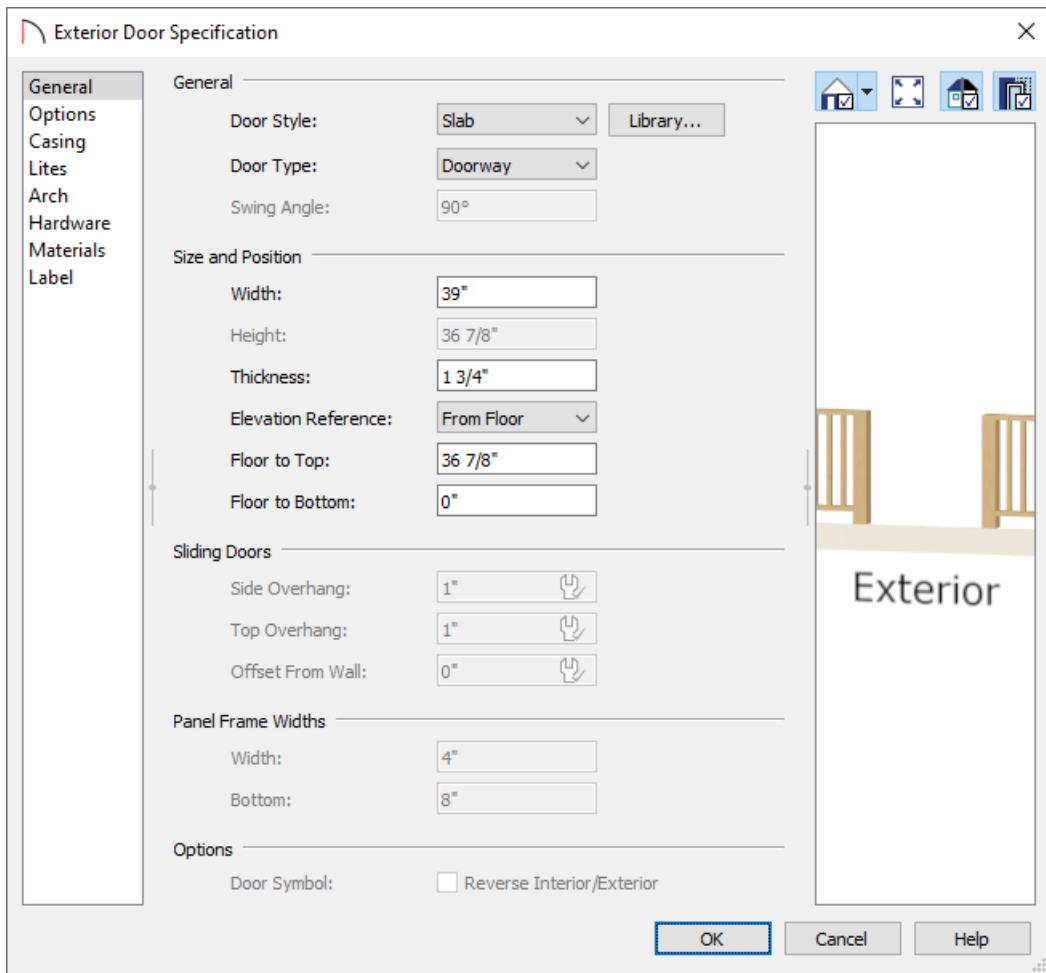
To place a door or gate in a railing

1. From the menu, select **Build> Railing and Deck> Straight Deck Railing** , and draw out the railings for the room.
2. Using the **Build> Stairs> Draw Stairs**  tool, click right outside the railing where the stairs and gate should be.

Note: Connecting the stairs to the deck will create a doorway, so if there are no stairs or there is no doorway or opening present in the deck railing, you can place one using one of the Door tools.

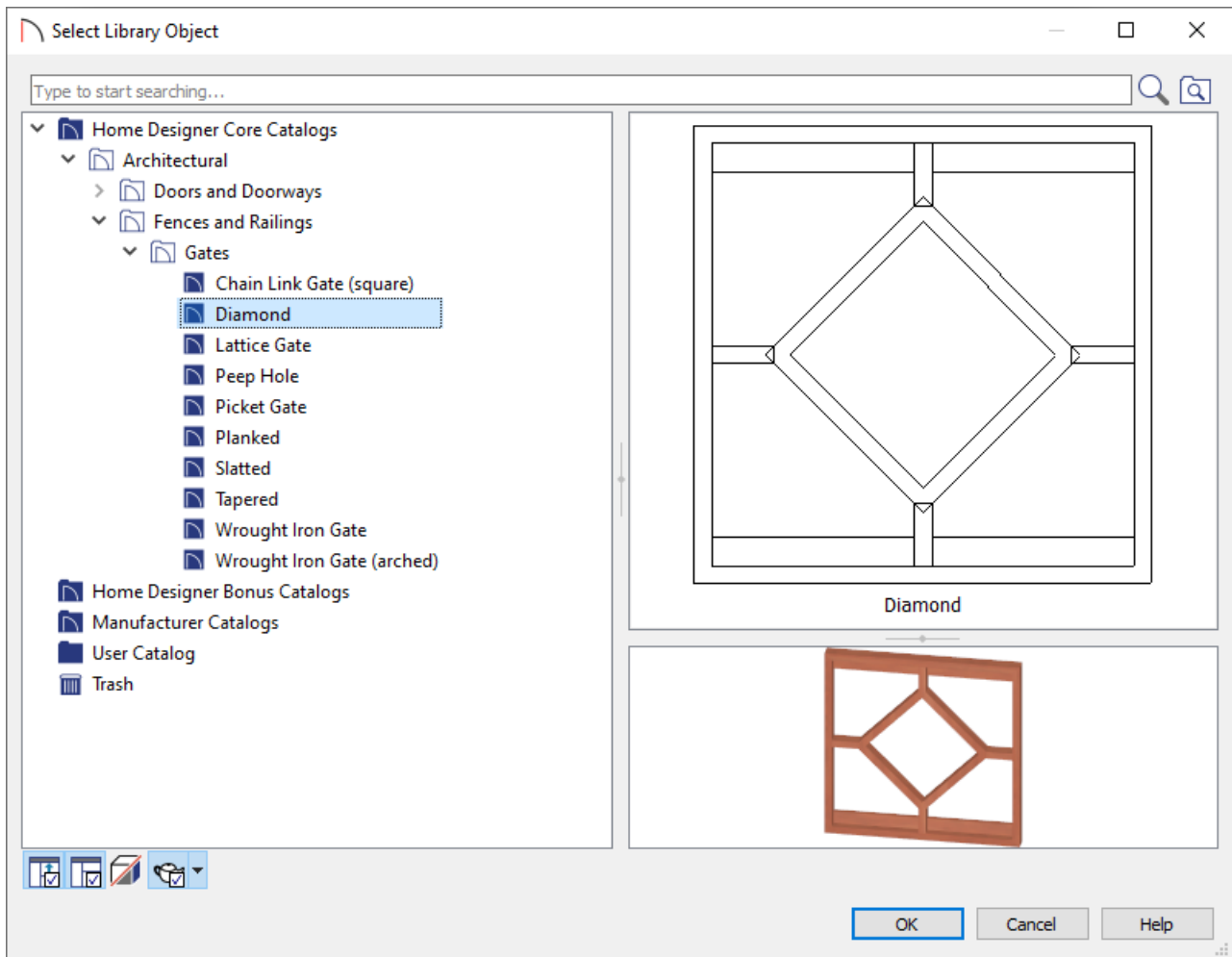


3. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, select the door, then click on the **Open Object**  edit button to display the **Door Specification** dialog.



4. On the **GENERAL** panel, use the Door Type drop-down menu to select the **Hinged** option.
5. Click on the **Library** button next to the Door Type drop-down menu to open the **Select Library Object** dialog, browse and select your desired gate, then click **OK**.

For the purposes of this example, we will use the "Diamond" gate found at Home Designer Core Catalogs> Architectural> Fences and Railings> Gates.



6. Specify your desired hinges and handles on the **HARDWARE** panel, and your desired materials for the gate on the **MATERIALS** panel.

7. Click **OK** to confirm all of the changes.

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