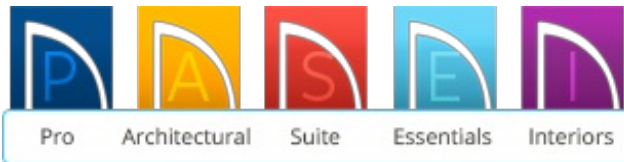


# Creating a Breakfast Bar

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## QUESTION


I want to create an island breakfast bar in my kitchen. How do I do that?




# ANSWER


The Cabinet Tools can be used to create a variety of different kitchen island and breakfast bar configurations. In this article, we will walk through creating a basic breakfast bar using cabinets.

The instructions in this article will apply to all versions of the software for modifying cabinets to create a standalone countertop surface.

Home Designer Pro and Home Designer Architectural also have the **Custom Countertop**  tool, which can be used to quickly create a custom countertop for use as a breakfast bar. This tool allows for more flexibility in the shape of the countertop.

## *To create a kitchen island*

1. In an area of the plan in which there are no objects already, click on the **Base Cabinet**  tool and click in the plan to place 3 cabinets side by side.



Notice that the cabinets align and the lines that differentiate between them disappear. We can still, however, select just a single cabinet by using the **Select Objects**  tool.

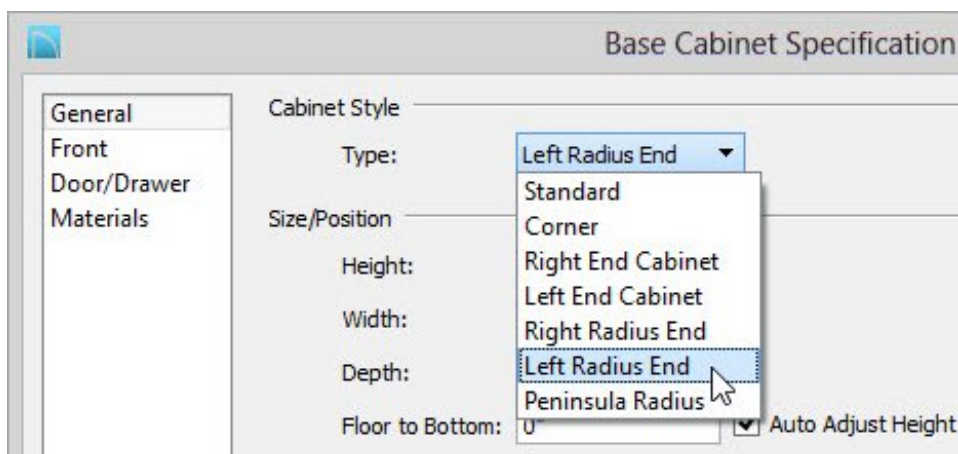
2. Now, place 3 more cabinets directly behind the initial ones placed.

These cabinets will also merge, and by default, the program will place the cabinets back-to-back, but if necessary, you can rotate these cabinets.

3. Take a 3D camera view to view the current cabinet configuration and rotate it to ensure that all of the cabinets are placed back-to-back. It should look similar to the image shown below.

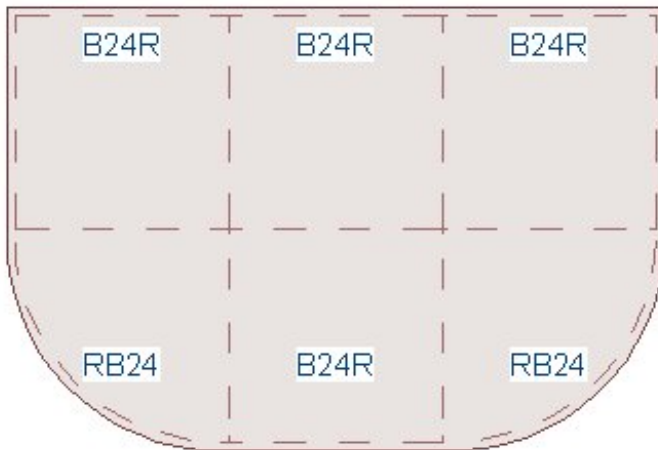


4. Close the 3D view and return to the 2D floor plan view.
5. Now, using the **Select Objects**  tool, select the lower left cabinet and choose the **Open Object**  edit button.
6. On the **GENERAL** panel, use the drop down menu to set the cabinet as a **Left Radius End**.




7. Click **OK** to apply this change and close the Base Cabinet Specification dialog.
8. Follow the same procedure to change the lower right cabinet into a **Right Radius End**.

9. In plan view, your cabinets should now look like the image below.

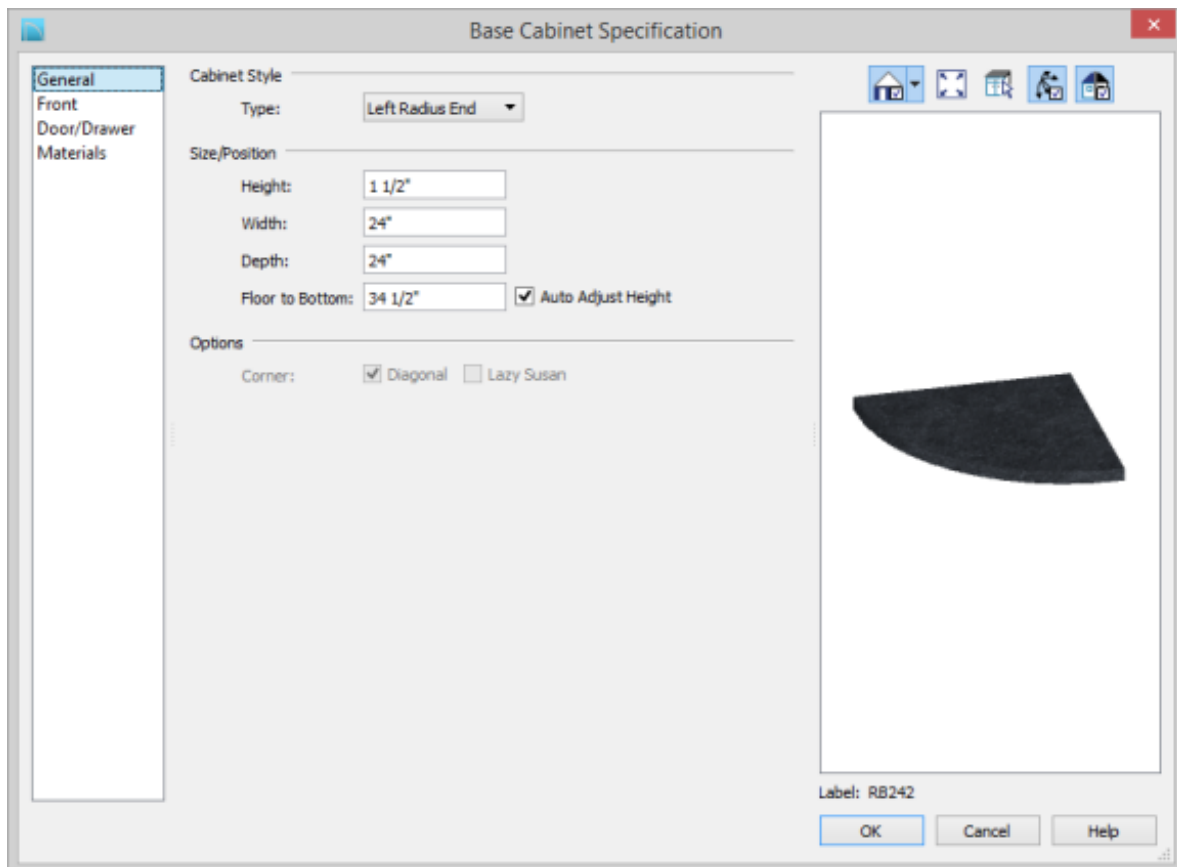


### *To create a breakfast bar*

Now that we have the correct shape for our breakfast bar, we are ready to change the radius and normal cabinets so that only their countertops are displayed, instead of the cabinet as a whole.

1. Select the Left Radius End cabinet and click **Open Object**  to display the Base Cabinet Specification dialog.
2. On the **FRONT** panel, click on the toekick at the bottom of the cabinet's preview diagram to select it, and then **Delete** it.
3. Return to the **GENERAL** panel, change the **Height** to be only 1 1/2", which is the Counter Thickness listed below.
4. Change the **Floor to Bottom** height to be the value you want our cabinet height to be, minus the 1 1/2" for the countertop.

This means we need to set the **Floor to Bottom** to a value of 34 1/2"



5. Click **OK** to close the Base Cabinet Specification dialog and apply your changes.

Repeat these steps for the remaining 2 lower cabinets.

6. Create a 3D **Camera**  view of the results.



7. Now that you have created a basic breakfast bar, you can continue to customize the cabinet's depth, handles and hinges, shelf, door and drawer options as well as the materials that make up the different components of the cabinet within the Base Cabinet Specification dialog.

You can also add corbels beneath the countertop from the [Millwork](#) section of the Library Browser as in the initial image.

If you would like to build a breakfast bar on a half wall, or partial wall, use the same procedure for editing the cabinet height.

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