

# Adding a Belly Band

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## QUESTION



I want to create a simple belly band, mid-section trim, or circumferential siding trim around a structure that I am designing. How do I do that?



## ANSWER

Creating a belly band is easy using the Soffit tool or various Shape objects from the library.

To create a belly band



1. First, launch Home Designer, then **Open**  the plan in which you want to create the belly band.
2. Navigate to **Build> Cabinet> Soffit**  from the menu.

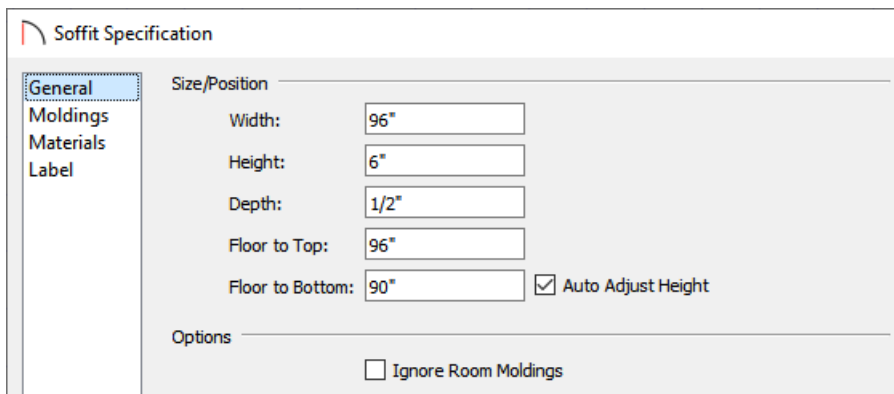
A soffit serves as a 3-dimensional box shape that can be placed in any location and its parameters can be adjusted to your desired size.

**Note:** Additional shapes can also be used for this process. Various different shape objects can be located by opening the Library Browser and navigating to Home Designer Core Catalogs> Shapes.

3. Place a soffit on the exterior side of a wall that you'd like to see a belly band or trim piece on.



4. With the soffit placed, use the **Select Objects**  tool to select it and then click **Open Object** .
5. In the **Soffit Specification** dialog that displays:

A screenshot of the 'Soffit Specification' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with a red 'X' icon and the text 'Soffit Specification'. On the left, there is a vertical list of tabs: 'General' (selected), 'Moldings', 'Materials', and 'Label'. The main area is divided into two sections: 'Size/Position' and 'Options'. Under 'Size/Position', there are five input fields: 'Width' (96"), 'Height' (6"), 'Depth' (1/2"), 'Floor to Top' (96"), and 'Floor to Bottom' (90"). There is a checked checkbox for 'Auto Adjust Height' next to the 'Floor to Bottom' field. Under 'Options', there is an unchecked checkbox for 'Ignore Room Moldings'.

- On the **GENERAL** panel, make your desired size adjustments such as the **Width**, **Height**, and **Depth**, as well as where the soffit will be placed in relation to the floor by changing the **Floor to Top/Bottom** values.
- Click on the **MATERIALS** panel and specify the material of the soffit.
- Once all changes have been made, click **OK** to close the dialog.

**Note:** You can also make the above changes in the Soffit Defaults dialog.


6. Take a **Camera**  view to see the results so far.

7. Navigate back to a floor plan view and proceed to create additional soffits around the structure to finish the belly band.

To save time, we recommend utilizing the **Copy/Paste**  edit tool and/or modifying the Soffit defaults.

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