

Creating a Sauna Room

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QUESTION

I would like to model a sauna room in my Home Designer software. How would I do that?





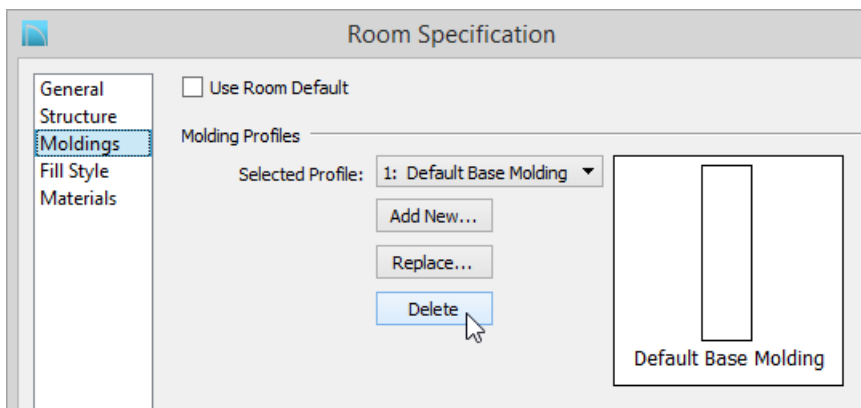
ANSWER

Creating a sauna room in a Home Designer software program is easy by applying the right materials in your room, and placing objects from the Library Browser.

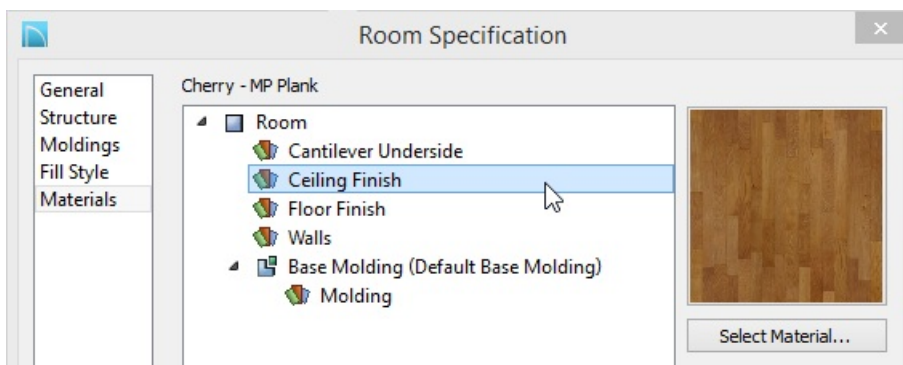
First, launch your Home Designer software and choose to open the plan in which you would like to customize your sauna room.


To customize the sauna room

1. First, use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the sauna room.
 - Once selected, the room will highlight.
2. Click on the **Open Object**  edit tool to display the **Room Specification** dialog box.
3. Unless you want a molding placed in the sauna room, go to the **MOLDINGS** panel and uncheck the **Use Room Default** check box and click the **Delete** button to remove the base molding.



4. Select the **MATERIALS** panel.
5. Select the **Ceiling Finish** option to highlight it, then click on the **Select Material** button to display the **Select Library Object** dialog.



6. In the **Select Library Object** dialog box, click on the arrow  sign next to **Home Designer Core Catalogs** and then once again on **Materials** to expand out this category, and browse to the material that you would like to use for the ceiling in your sauna room.


- Once you have selected the appropriate material, click on the **OK** button to apply it to the ceiling surface and close the **Select Library Object** dialog box.
- Repeat this process for both the **Floor Finish** and **Walls**.

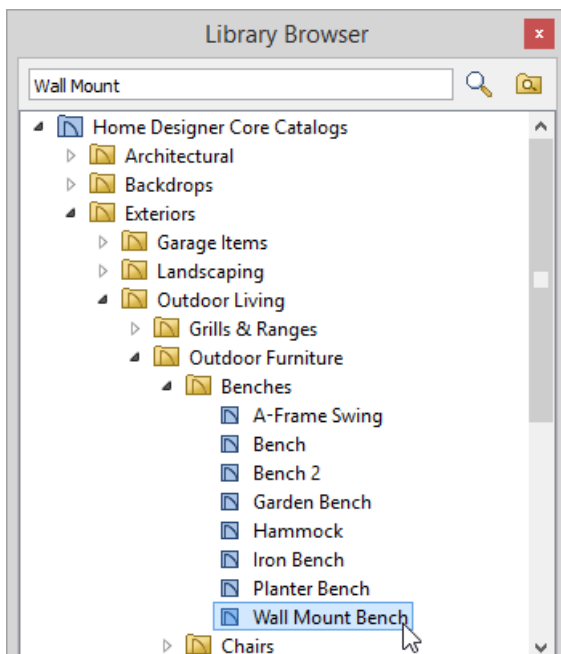
Is the planking on your walls going the wrong direction? If so, please see the Related Articles section below on how to rotate it.

- Once you have finished making changes in the **Room Specification** dialog box, click **OK** to apply them and close the dialog box.

Now that the sauna room has the appropriate materials applied to it, we are ready to begin customizing the sauna room by adding benches for seating.

To add benches




- Select **View> Library Browser**  to display the Library Browser.
- While there are a variety of items that can be used to create seating benches for the sauna, for the purpose of this example, we browsed to the **Wall Mount Bench**.



- Once you have located a suitable bench to place in your plan, select it in the Library Browser, and then click in your plan to place it.
- Now that our bench has been placed, there are a number of things that we can do to change the features of this object.


First, we will make the correct number of copies of this bench that we will need in this plan.

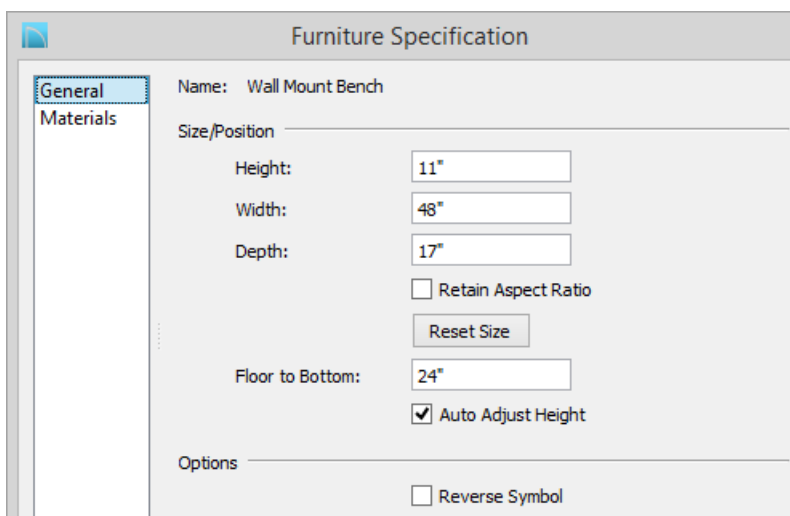
To make copies of the bench

1. In the 2D floor plan view, we can use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the bench, and then click on the **Copy**  edit tool.
2. Since we know that we will need more than a single copy of the bench, we will click on the **Sticky Mode**  edit tool to remain in **Paste** mode and continue pasting copies of the selected bench.
 - Home Designer version 8.0 and newer software programs only.
3. Once we have placed the copies of our benches, we can move them into place.
 - For the purposes of this example, we have three benches against the wall, another row of three directly in front of them, and a final foremost row of three in the room.

In the example picture, you see the benches at different levels. We do this by changing the heights.

To change the height of the benches

1. We will select the first bench and click on the **Open Object**  edit button to display the **Furniture Specification** dialog box.
2. We will now increase the **Floor to Bottom Height** from 0", which places the bench directly on the floor, and raise it to 24".




3. Once we have completed making changes within this dialog box, click **OK** to apply and close the dialog box.


4. Repeat this process on the remaining two benches that make up the back row.

To add additional details

1. On the next set of benches that are more inwards, raise each of these to have a **Floor to Bottom Height** of 12".
2. The front row of benches will not need to be changed.
3. Once our benches have been placed, we can further customize the sauna room by adding in further details to the benches using items out of the Library Browser.
4. **Fencing Panels** can create a nice looking barrier around the heater that you have placed for your sauna.
5. Other heater and sauna symbols can be imported from outside sources if your version of the software supports importing 3D symbol objects.

Related Articles

 [Locating and Importing 3D Symbols \(/support/article/KB-00888/locating-and-importing-3d-symbols.html\)](/support/article/KB-00888/locating-and-importing-3d-symbols.html)

 [Rotating the Direction of a Material \(/support/article/KB-00863/rotating-the-direction-of-a-material.html\)](/support/article/KB-00863/rotating-the-direction-of-a-material.html)