Changing Railings to use Cable, Glass, or Decorative Panels

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QUESTION

How can I apply a cable, glass, or decorative panel from the Library Browser to my railings and stairs?



ANSWER

Cable, glass, and other decorative panels can be applied to railings using the Staircase Specification and Railing Specification dialogs.

To specify panels in the Staircase Specification dialog

- 1. Using the **Select Objects** \geqslant tool, select the staircase that needs to change, and click on the **Open Object** \prod edit tool.
- 2. On the RAILING panel of the **Staircase Specification** dialog that displays, select the **Panels** radio button under the Style section.

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General Style Stringers Railing Newels/Balusters Rails Line Style Fill Style Materials	Railing Stair Rail Height: 34" Landing Rail Height: 36" Railing On: Left Rail Handrail Against Wall: Left Right Style Open Open with Middle Rail Panels Top/Bottom Rail Include Handrail/Top Rail Include Bottom Rail Raise/Lower Bottom: 4" OK Can	ccel Help

3. On the NEWELS/BALUSTERS panel, click on the **Library** button button located next to the Type drop-down under the Panels section to open the **Select Library Object** dialog, and browse the library for an appropriate panel option.

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- Cable railing panels can be found in **Home Designer Core Catalogs> Architectural> Fences and Railings> Cable**.
- Glass panels can be found in Home Designer Core Catalogs> Architectural> Fences and Railings> Glass

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To specify panels in the Railing Specification dialog

1. Using the **Select Objects** \geqslant tool, select the railing, then click on the **Open Object** \prod edit tool.

In Home Designer Pro, the steps described in this section can also be applied to the Railing Defaults, allowing for additional efficiency if the majority of the railings in your plan are going to be cable or panel railings. From the menu, click Edit> Default Settings and expand the list for Walls to locate and edit the Railing Defaults.

2. On the RAIL STYLE panel of the Railing Specification dialog that displays, select the Panels radio button.

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3. On the NEWELS/BALUSTERS panel, click the **Library** button located next to the Type drop-down under the Panels section to open the **Select Library Object** dialog, and browse the library for an appropriate panel option.

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	Max Spacing: Type:	96" Square V	On Center Library	
	Balusters		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
4	Width: Spacing: Type:	1 1/2" 5" Square ~	On Center Library	
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- Cable railing panels can be found in **Home Designer Core Catalogs> Architectural> Fences and Railings> Cable**.
- Glass panels can be found in Home Designer Core Catalogs> Architectural> Fences and Railings> Glass



4. Once an appropriate panel has been selected, and all other desired changes have been made, click **OK**.

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