

# Changing Railings to use Panels Instead of Newels and Balusters

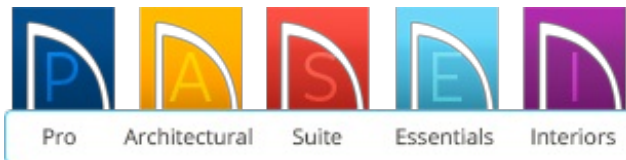
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The information in this article applies to:



## QUESTION



I would like the railings in my plan to use one of the panels available in the library, but I do not want to have to place each panel as an independent object. How can I apply a decorative panel from the Library Browser to my railings?

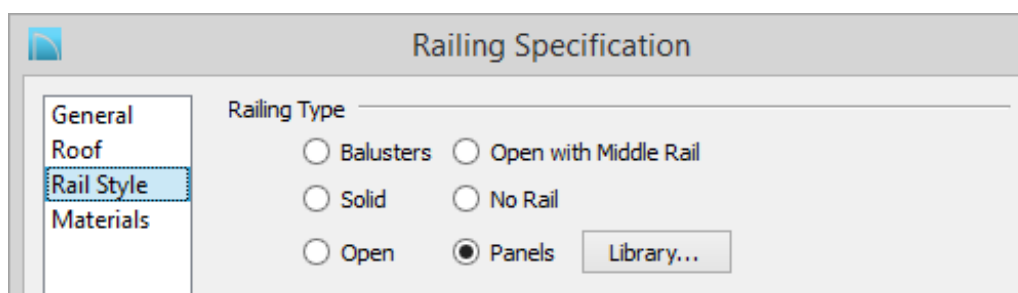


## ANSWER

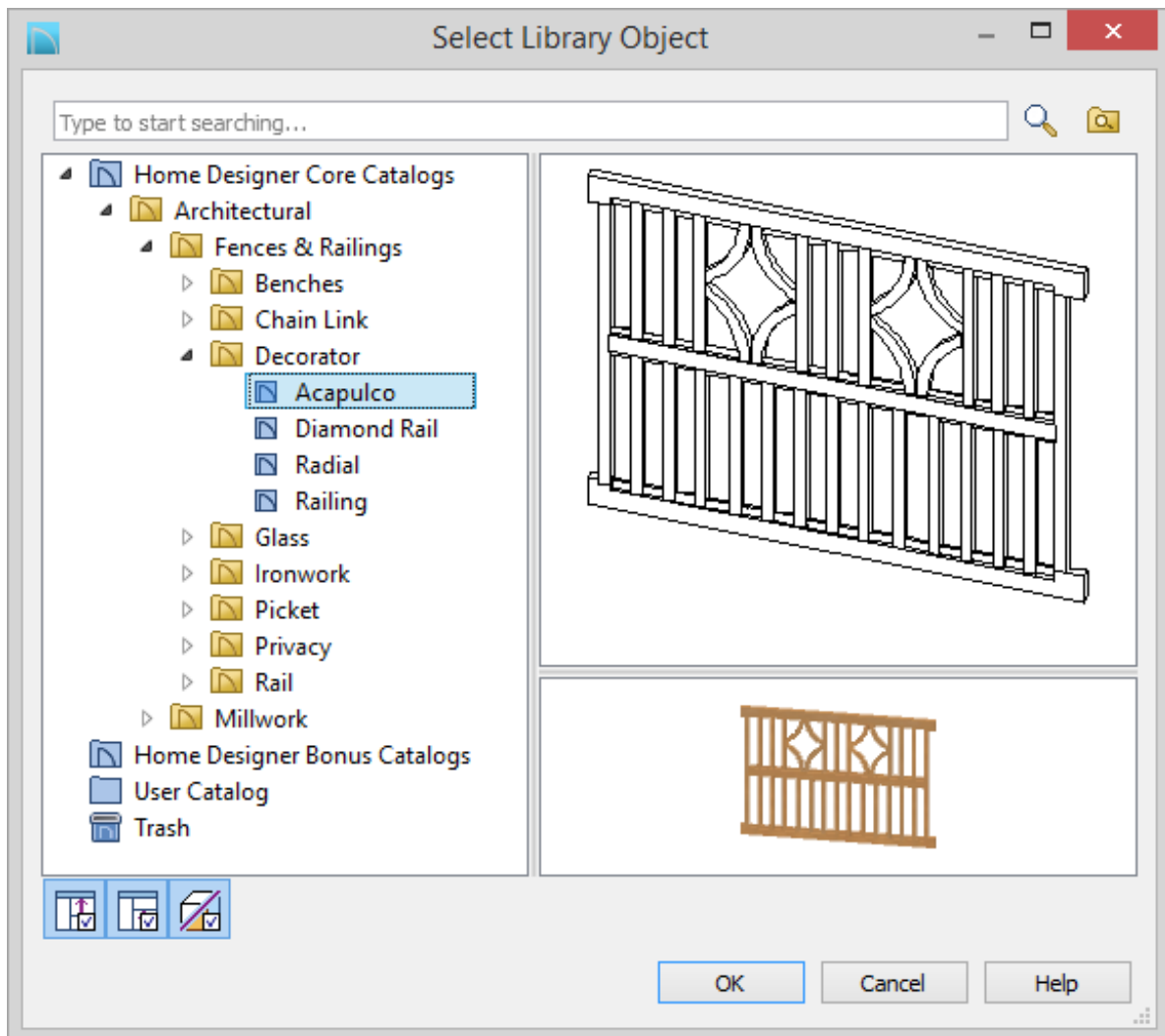
Applying a panel from the Library Browser to a railing is easy to do in the Home Designer version 8.0 and newer software programs.

To add railing panels to railings or deck railings


1. Use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the railing, and then click on the **Open Object**  edit tool to display the **Railing Specification** dialog.
2. Go to the **RAIL STYLE** panel and in the **Railing Type** section, move the radio button down to **Panels**.



- After you have moved the radio button to Panels, notice that the previously grayed out **Library** button has become active.
3. Click on the **Library** button to display the **Select Library Object** dialog.
    - In Home Designer Pro, Architectural, Suite, and Interiors, the ability to change the panel type is on the **NEWELS/BALUSTERS** panel.
  4. Browse to locate a panel type that you would like to use, select it, and click on the **OK** button to return to the **Railing Specification** dialog with the new panel selected.



5. While still on the **RAIL STYLE** panel, make any adjustments necessary to **Railing Height** and **Baluster Spacing**.

6. Next, select the **MATERIALS** panel and choose the appropriate materials for each aspect of the railing.
  
7. When you have completed making changes, click **OK** to apply them and close the **Railing Specification** dialog.
  
8. Take a **Camera**  view to see the results.

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