

Applying Wainscoting to a Wall

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QUESTION

I would like to apply decorative paneled wall coverings, also known as wainscoting, to the lower portion of some of the walls in my Home Designer plan. How can I accomplish this?






ANSWER

There are two different ways to apply wainscoting in your design:

- [Placing wainscoting panel symbols from the Library Browser](#)
- [Using the Wall Covering feature*](#)

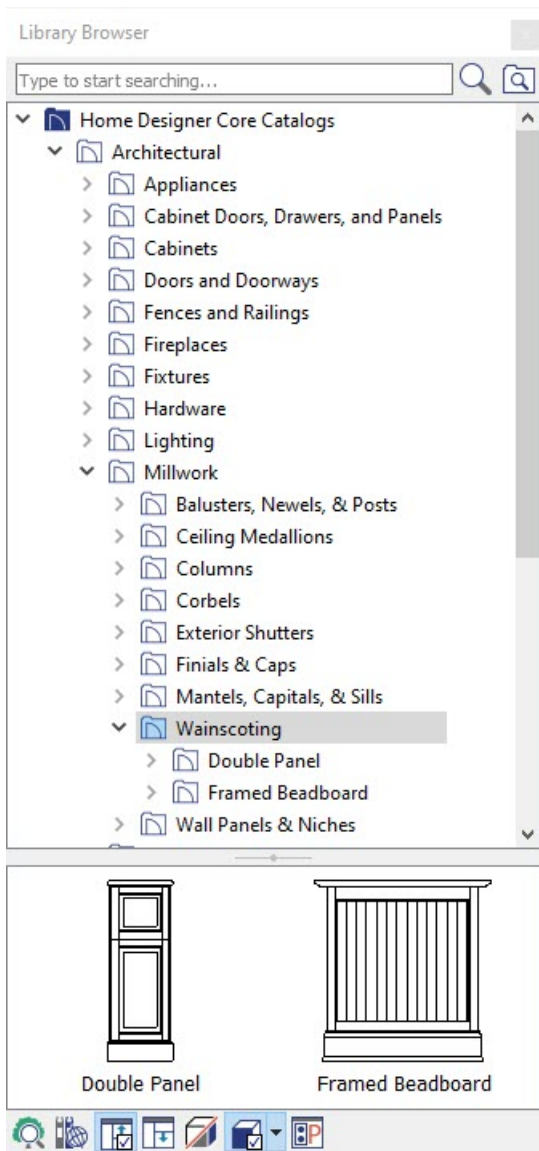
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To place wainscoting panel symbols from the Library Browser

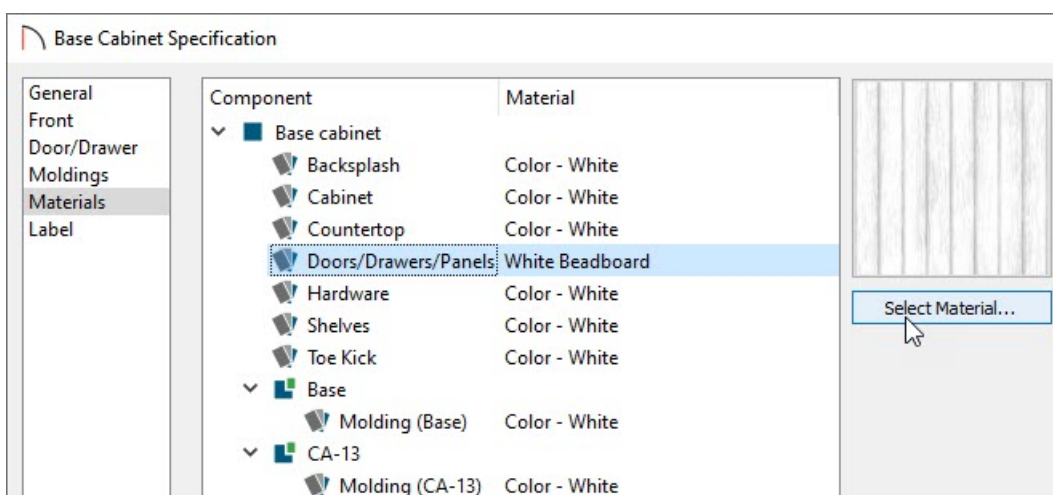
1. First, launch your software program, and then choose to **Open**  the plan in which you want to create the wainscoting, or start a **New Plan** .
2. Next, select **View> Library Browser**  to open the Library Browser if it's not already open.
3. Browse to **Home Designer Core Catalogs> Architectural> Millwork> Wainscoting**.

Note: Wainscoting can also be found in the New England Classic® manufacturer catalog, which can be downloaded from the [3D Library \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/library&search=&x=0&y=0&x=true&soft_family_2=2&hid_soft_family_2=2&\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/library&search=&x=0&y=0&x=true&soft_family_2=2&hid_soft_family_2=2&) at: <https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/detail/712> (<https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/detail/712>).

For more information on downloading additional catalogs, please see the [Related Articles](#) section below.




- Select the type of panel you want to use, then click to place it in the plan up against the wall.
- Once placed, you can use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the wainscot panel, which is a cabinet object, and make further modifications, such as moving it, or adjusting its size and materials as necessary in its Specification dialog.



You can also adjust these objects while in the camera view.



You may find it helpful to create a 3D Camera view of the area you are placing the wainscoting, and then select Window> Tile Vertically so that you can see how the changes you are making in the 2D floor plan affect the 3D Display.

6. Once you have one wainscot panel set up to the appropriate size and material that you want, you can then use the **Copy/Paste**  edit tool to create copies of the modified object and move them into place.

Select Home Designer products can also use the Wall Covering feature to apply the appearance of wainscoting between the chair rail and base moldings.

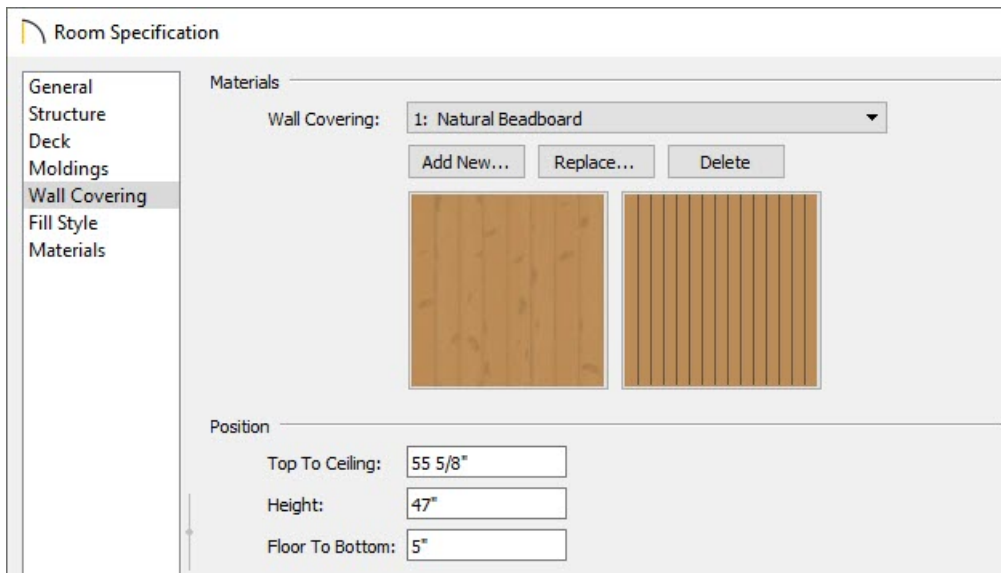
To use the Wall Covering feature*


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1. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, click on the inside a room to highlight it, then select the **Open Object**  edit button.
2. On the **WALL COVERING** panel of the **Room Specification** dialog, click the **Add New** button.
3. In the **Select Material** dialog that displays next, browse the Materials library folder and select a material to use as wainscoting, then click **OK**.

For the purposes of this example, we browsed to Home Designer Core Catalogs> Materials> Siding and Paneling> Beadboard> Natural Beadboard.



4. Specify the **Top To Ceiling**, **Height**, and **Floor To Bottom** heights of the horizontal section that you would like to apply wainscoting to.



- Begin with the **Height** value, then press the **Tab** key on your keyboard to update the dialog without closing it.
 - Next, specify either the **Top to Ceiling** or **Floor To Bottom** value, depending on which is the easiest for you to configure, and then press the **Tab** key.
 - You can select additional wall coverings by clicking the **Add New** button and repeating steps 3 and 4, above. Place different wall coverings at different heights so that they will all be visible and not cover one another.
 - If you are not happy with your selection, the wall covering can be deleted by selecting it from the Wall Covering drop-down list, and then clicking the **Delete** button. To replace a wall covering, select it from the drop-down list and choose the **Replace** button.
 - When you are satisfied with your wall covering selections and their associated properties, click **OK** to close the dialog and apply your changes.
5. Select **3D> Create Camera View> Full Camera**  and click and drag in the room to view the new wall covering(s).

Note: The method for applying horizontal sections of wainscoting to an individual wall is very similar to that for applying them to a room. Instead of using the Wall Coverings panel of the Room Specification dialog, select the individual wall and use the Wall Coverings panel of the Wall Specification dialog instead.

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