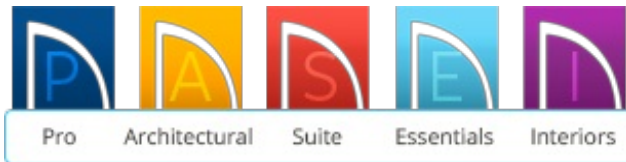


Creating Built-in Wall Bookshelves

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QUESTION



I would like to have a built in wall bookcase with shelves and doors on the bottom.
How do I build this into my wall?




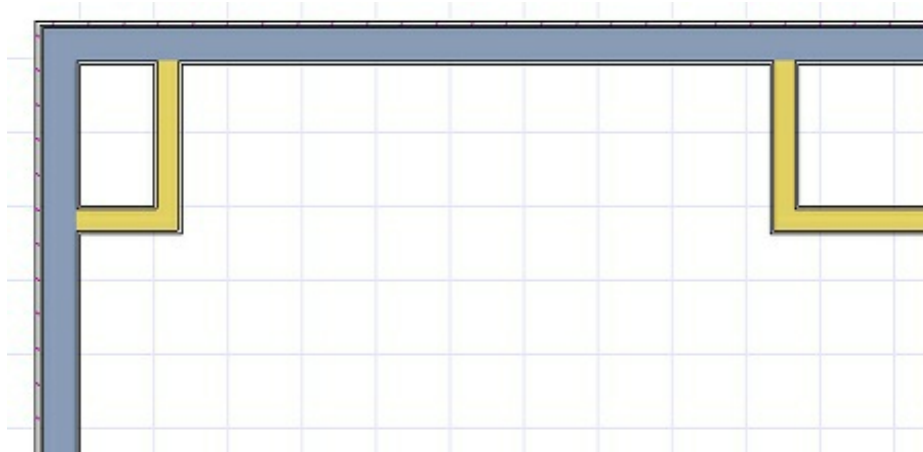
ANSWER

You can create a built in wall book shelf by creating a recess in the wall and then placing full length cabinets within the recess. The cabinets can then be customised to meet the desired shelving arrangement.

To create a recess in the wall


1. Open the Home Designer plan in which you would like to add the built in wall bookshelves; or, create a new plan by selecting **File> New Plan**  from the menu.
2. If you are working with a new plan, you will need to draw your room wall first. From the menu, select **Build> Wall> Straight Exterior Wall**  and click and drag in floor plan view in a clockwise manner to add your exterior walls to the plan.
3. Now you will need to draw the interior walls to create the recess. From the menu,

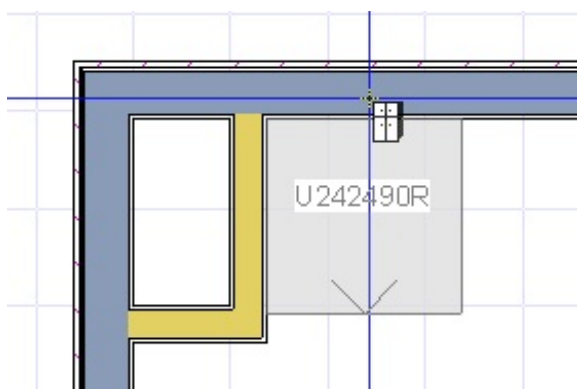
select **Build> Wall> Straight Interior Wall**  and click and drag in floor plan view to create a recess for the book case as below. The depth of this recess should be approximately 3 inches larger than your desired bookshelf depth.




Now that you have created the recess you are ready to place some full length cabinets within them for the shelves.

To place cabinets in the recess

1. From the menu select **Build> Cabinet> Full Height**  and position your mouse in the wall recess. Move the mouse towards the back wall of the recess to correctly orient the cabinet then click to place.



2. Click the **Select Objects**  tool and double-click on the cabinet to open the **Full Height Cabinet Specification** dialog for that cabinet.
3. Change the **Height** of the cabinet to match the height of your room. If you have not

adjusted the height of the room then it should be the default value of 109 1/8". Press the Tab key on your keyboard after you have changed the height to update the cabinet without closing the dialog.

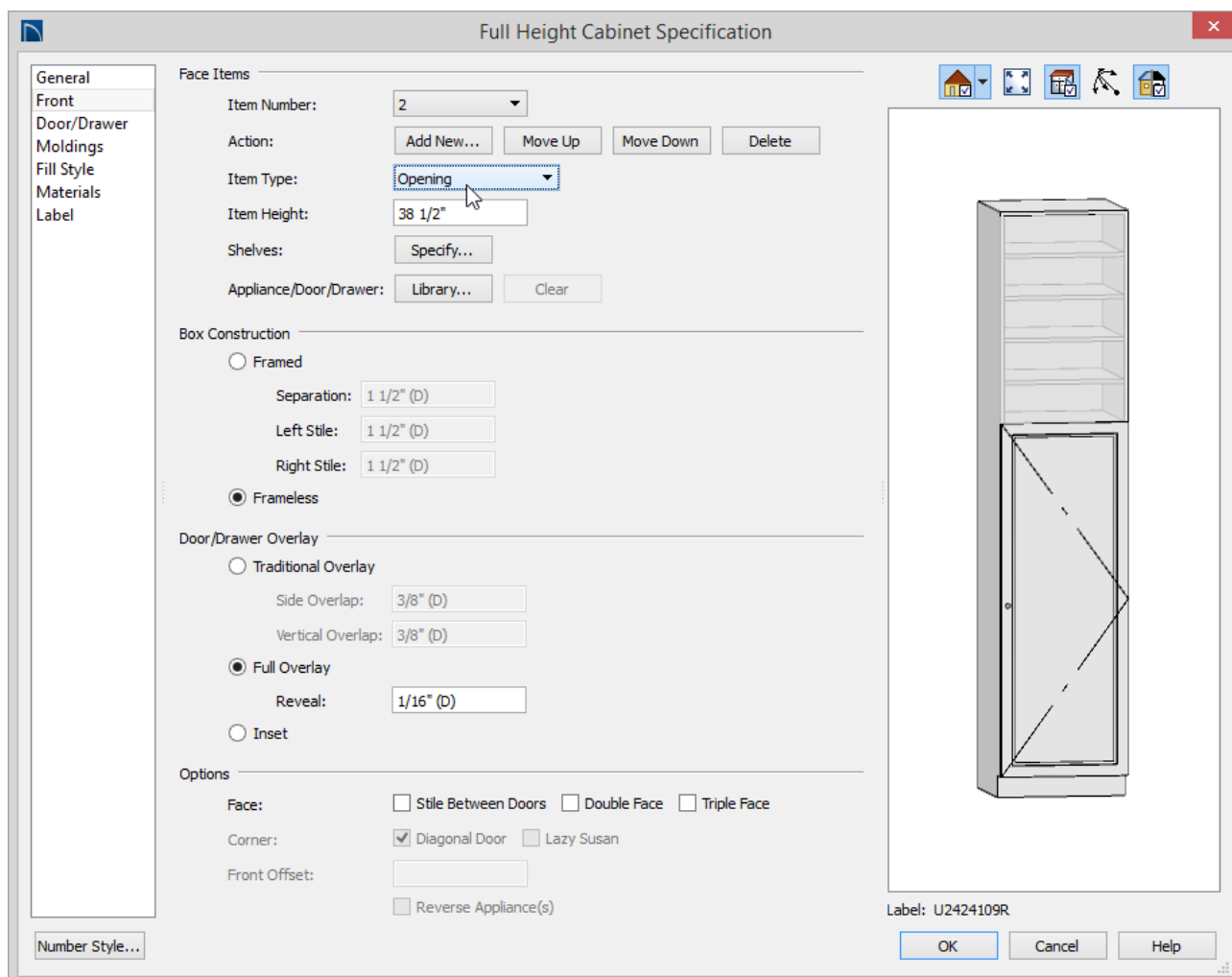
Full Height Cabinet Specification

General
Front
Door/Drawer
Moldings
Fill Style
Materials
Label

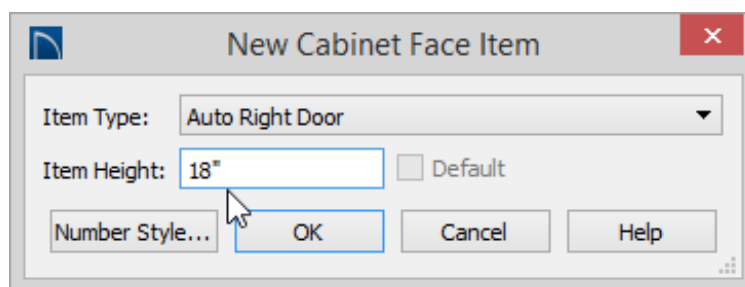
Cabinet Style
Type: Standard

Size/Position
Height: 109 1/8"
Width: 24"
Depth: 24"
Floor to Bottom: 0" Auto Adjust Height

4. Select the **FRONT** panel. Click on the top door in the picture on the right, then change the **Item Type** from **Auto Right Door** to **Opening**. You should now see an open shelving sections at the top. Repeat this step for the bottom door.





5. Click the **Add New...** button then select **Auto Right Door** and set the **Item Height** to 18"





You now have a correctly configured cabinet placed in the recess and simply need to duplicate this cabinet to fill the recess. If you wish to customise the materials used in the cabinet, it will save on later work to do this now before

To fill the recess with the configured cabinet

1. Select the cabinet that has already been placed, then from the menu select **Edit> Copy**  and then **Edit> Paste> Paste**  and click next to the cabinet to place another one. Select and drag it in till it snaps next to the existing cabinet and the back wall.



2. Repeat this until the recess has been filled with cabinets.
3. You may need to adjust the position of the interior side wall of the recess to perfectly fit the cabinets, or alternatively you can resize the cabinets to match the recess as required.
4. You will want to change the bottom door on every second cabinet to an **Auto Left Door**. Click the **Select Objects**  tool and double-click on the cabinet to open the **Full Height Cabinet** dialog for that cabinet.
5. Select the door from the bottom of the picture on the right and change the **Item Type** from **Auto Right Door** to **Auto Left Door**. Repeat for any additional cabinets that need to be changed.
6. To see the results, select **3D> Create Perspective View> Full Camera**  from the menu and click and drag a camera arrow directed at the recess.



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