

Modifying Fencing

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QUESTION




How can I adjust my fencing so that it is no longer the default fence style?

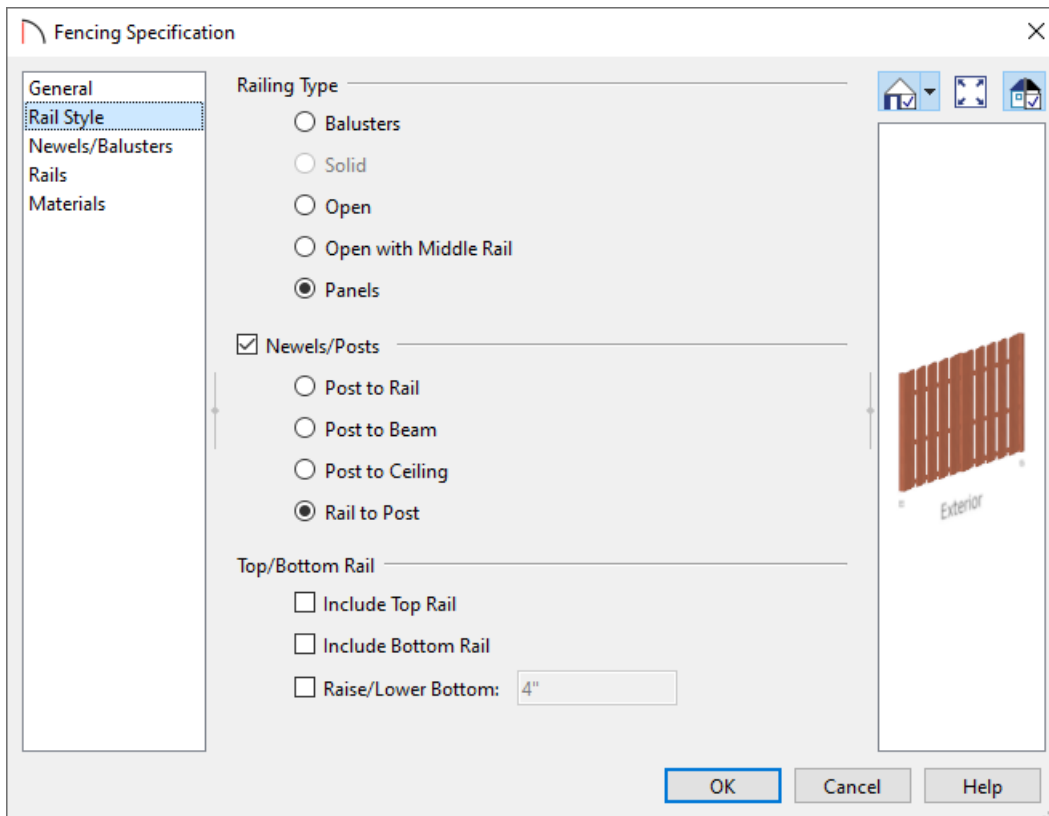


ANSWER

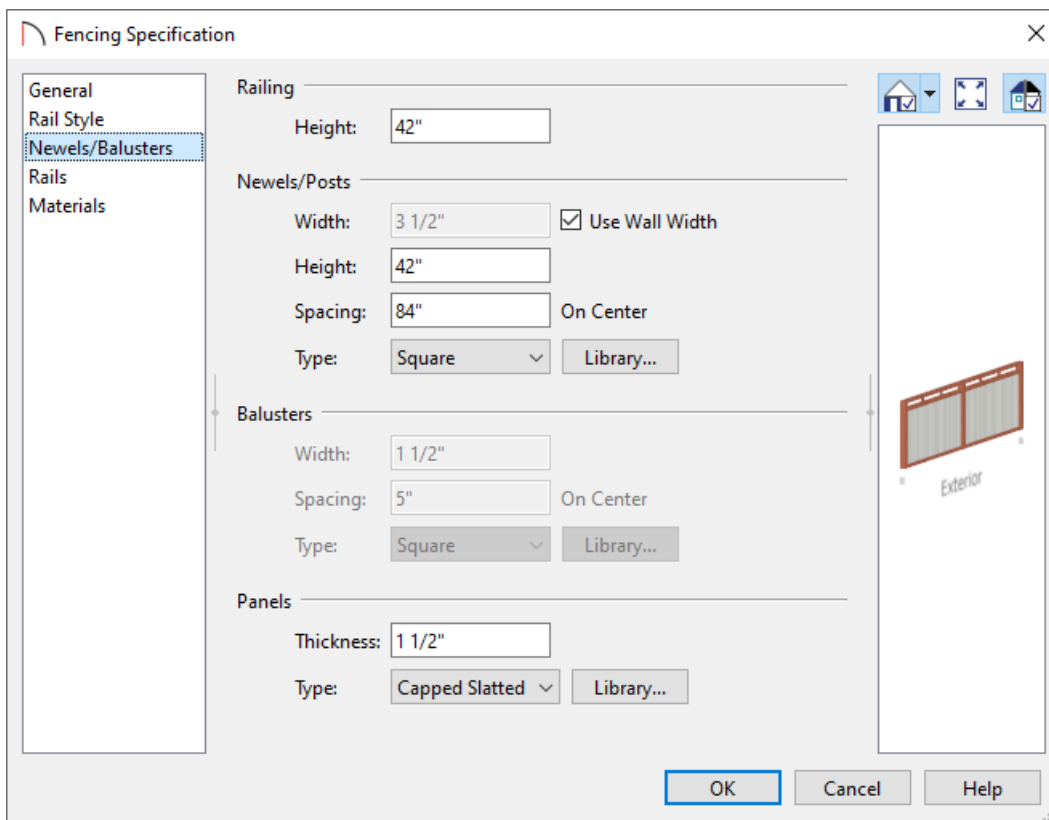
Modifying fencing is easy to accomplish in Home Designer by adjusting the properties located in the Fencing Specification dialog.

To create and modify fencing

1. In floor plan view, select **Build> Fencing> Straight Fencing** , then click and drag to create a segment of fence.
2. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, select your newly placed fence, then click the **Open Object**  edit tool.
3. On the **RAIL STYLE** panel of the **Fencing Specification** dialog that opens, ensure that the Railing Type is set to **Panels**, specify whether you would like **Newels/Posts** to be present, and specify your desired properties for the Top/Bottom Rail.



4. On the **NEWELS/BALUSTERS** panel:



The image shows a software dialog box titled "Fencing Specification". On the left is a vertical sidebar with a list of categories: "General", "Rail Style", "Newels/Balusters" (which is highlighted with a blue selection bar), "Rails", and "Materials". The main area of the dialog is divided into four sections: "Railing", "Newels/Posts", "Balusters", and "Panels". Each section contains input fields and buttons for configuring fence components. The "Railing" section has a "Height" field set to "42\"". The "Newels/Posts" section includes "Width" (3 1/2\""), "Height" (42\""), "Spacing" (84\""), a checked "Use Wall Width" checkbox, and a "Type" dropdown set to "Square" with a "Library..." button. The "Balusters" section has "Width" (1 1/2\""), "Spacing" (5\""), and a "Type" dropdown set to "Square" with a "Library..." button. The "Panels" section has a "Thickness" field (1 1/2\") and a "Type" dropdown set to "Capped Slatted" with a "Library..." button. On the right side of the dialog is a 3D preview window showing a section of a fence with a wooden railing and balusters, labeled "Exterior". At the bottom right are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

Fencing Specification

General
Rail Style
Newels/Balusters
Rails
Materials

Railing
 Height: 42"

Newels/Posts
 Width: 3 1/2" ☒ Use Wall Width
 Height: 42"
 Spacing: 84" On Center
 Type: Square

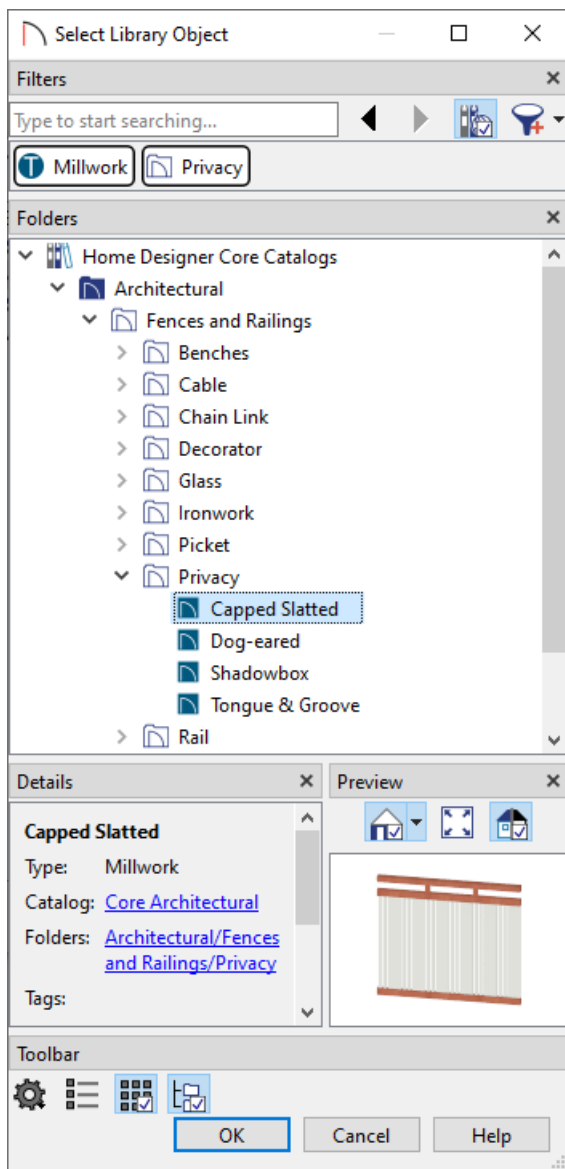
Balusters
 Width: 1 1/2"
 Spacing: 5" On Center
 Type: Square

Panels
 Thickness: 1 1/2"
 Type: Capped Slatted


OK Cancel Help

- Specify the **Height** for the Railing and the Newels/Posts.
- In the Panels section, click on the **Library** button, and in the **Select Library Object** dialog that displays, browse for an appropriate fencing style, select it, then click **OK** to return to the Specification dialog.


In this example, the Capped Slatted fence style is selected and used.



- Adjust any other properties on this panel, if desired.

- On the **MATERIALS** panel, make your desired material changes to each component that is part of the fence.
- Make any other desired changes, then click **OK**.
- If you would like to place a gate in your fence, access the **Library Browser** , then navigate to **Home Designer Core Catalogs > Architectural > Fences and Railings > Gates**.

Additional gate and fence panel options are available in the [Exterior Fence Panels and Block Walls Bonus Catalog](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/detail/636) (<https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/detail/636>). Please see the "Download Library Catalogs" resource in the [Related Articles](#) section to learn more about obtaining additional catalogs.

- Select an appropriate gate from the selection and click along the fence where you would like the gate to be. Gates are classified as doors, so once placed, you can **Open**  them to specification to make further changes.

In this example, the Beaded Gate option located within the [Exterior Fence Panels and Block Walls Bonus Catalog \(https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/detail/636\)](https://www.chiefarchitect.com/3d-library/index.php?r=site/detail/636) is used.

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