

Creating a Breezeway

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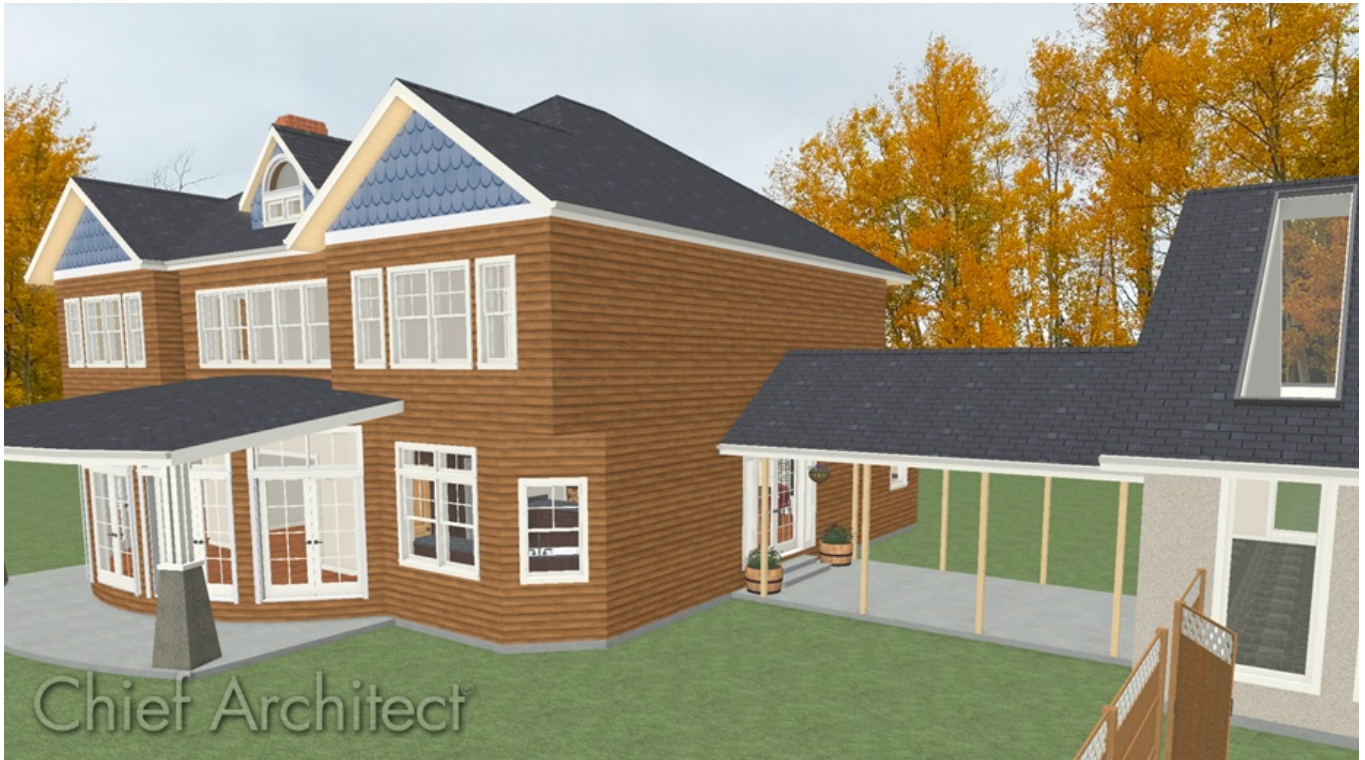
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QUESTION




I would like to create a covered breezeway between two separate structures in my plan. How can I model this in Home Designer?

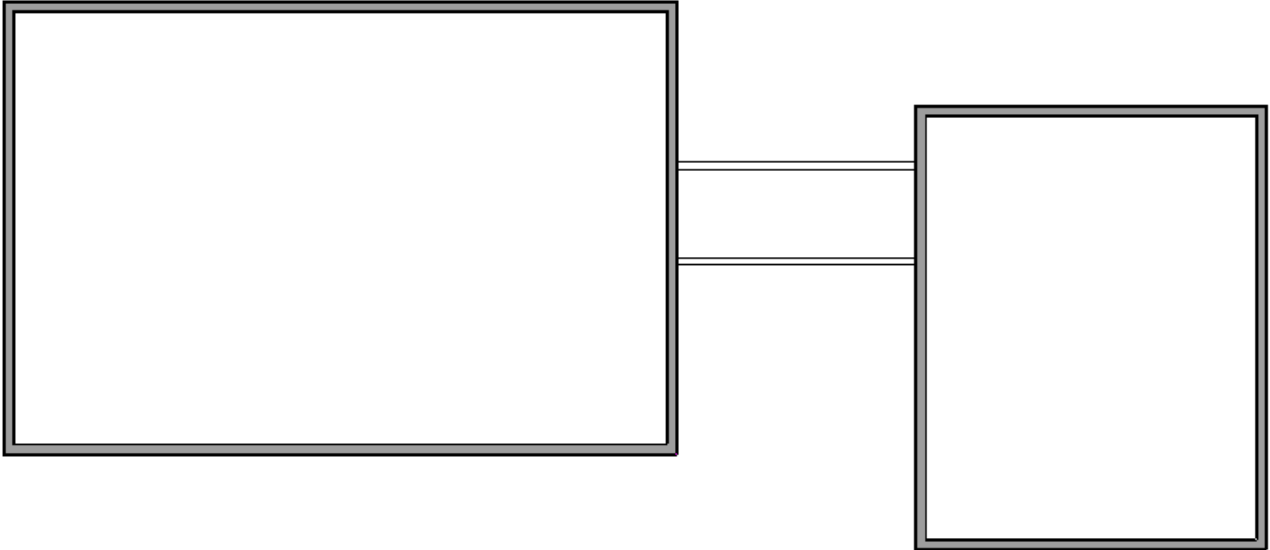


ANSWER



Creating a breezeway with a roof covering is easy to accomplish in Home Designer by defining a separate room using railings or invisible walls.

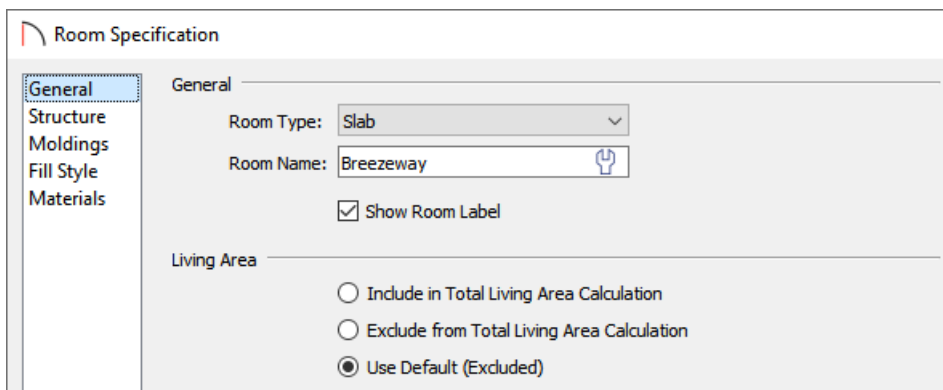
To create the breezeway room

1. First, launch Home Designer and **Open**  the plan in which you want to connect the two structures with a breezeway.
2. Navigate to the floor that the breezeway room should be created on and **Zoom In**  on this area of the plan.
3. Next, select **Build> Railing and Deck> Straight Deck Railing** , then click and drag out the railings to create the area that you want to be covered with a breezeway.



Use room dividers (Build> Wall> Room Divider) instead of railings if you would like to manually place columns from the [Millwork](#) section of the Library Browser to hold up the breezeway area roof.

4. Once the breezeway room is enclosed, use the **Select Objects**  tool to click inside of the room, then select the **Open Object**  edit tool.
5. In the **Room Specification** dialog:





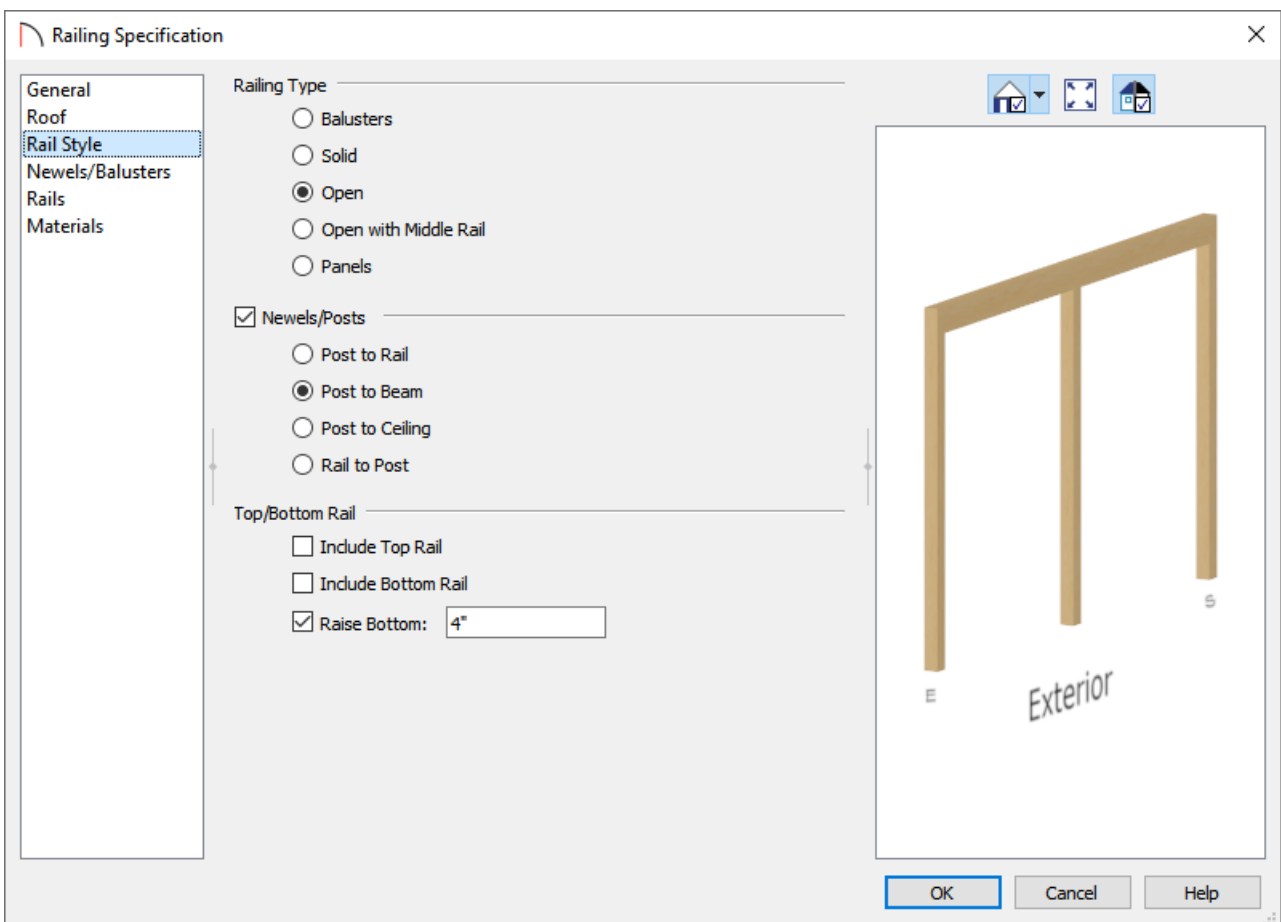
- On the **GENERAL** panel, use the drop-down menu to change the **Room Type** to **Slab**.

- Type in "Breezeway" for the **Room Name**.
- On the **STRUCTURE** panel, check the **Roof Over This Room** setting, uncheck **Flat Ceiling Over this Room**, and check **Use Soffit Surface for Ceiling**.
- Once you have finished making these changes, click **OK** to apply them and close the dialog.

Once you have the room defined, you are ready to modify the railings so that they are just posts.

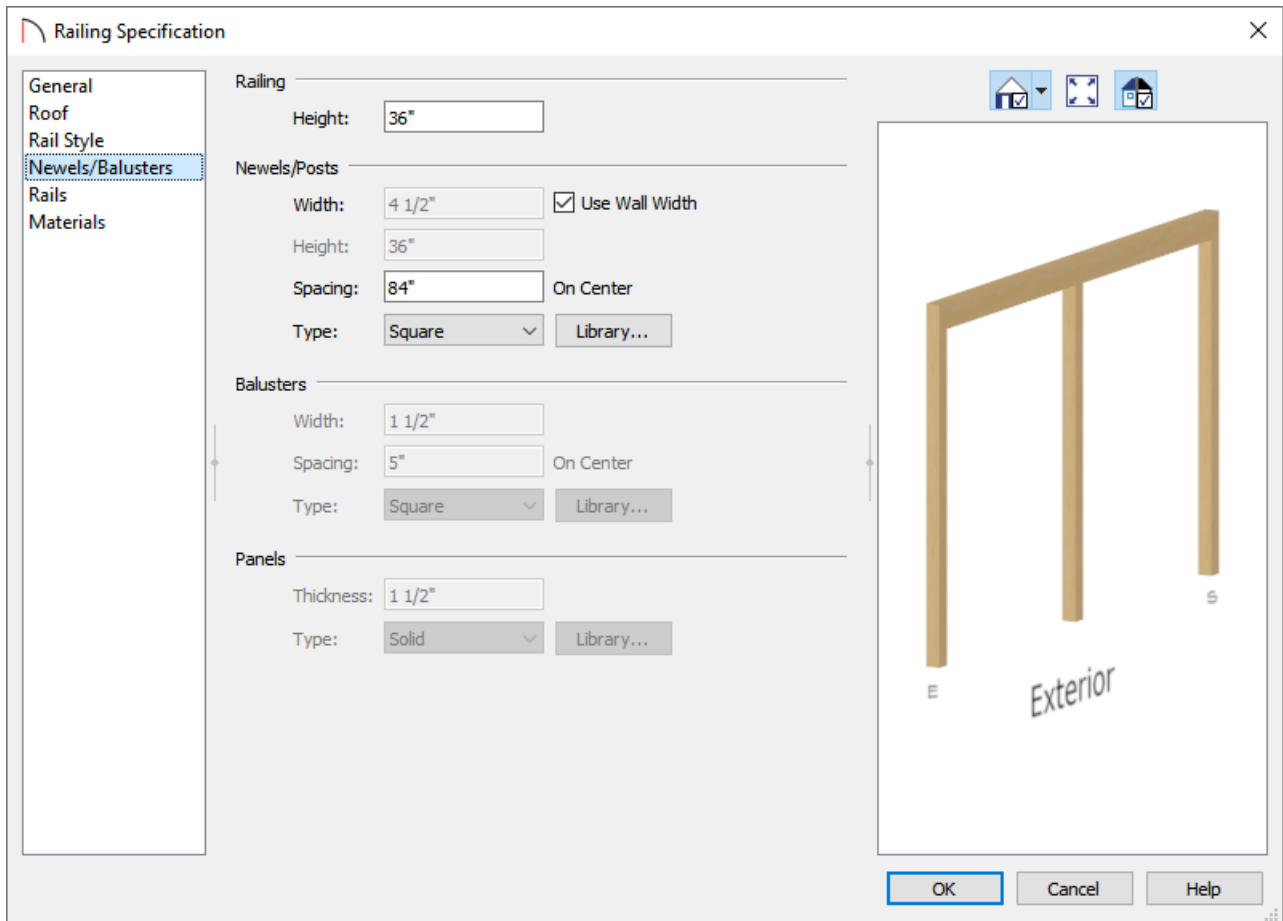
To adjust the railings


1. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, click on one of the deck railings to select it, then click on the **Open Object**  edit button.
2. In the **Railing Specification** dialog, switch to the **RAIL STYLE** panel:



- Change the **Railing Type** to **Open**.
 - Under Newels/Posts, select **Post to Beam**.
 - Uncheck **Include Top Rail** and **Include Bottom Rail**
3. On the **NEWELS/BALUSTERS** panel, set the **Spacing** for the Newels/Posts.

For the purposes of this example, we will set this to 84".



4. Click **OK** when you have finished making these changes to apply them and close the dialog.
5. Repeat this process for the remaining railings in your plan that make up the breezeway.
6. Finally, take a **Camera**  view to see the results of your covered breezeway.

Note: If noticeable wall segments generate above the beams, click to select them and delete them from the plan. Upon doing so, you may be presented with a Question dialog mentioning that the operation modifies one or more automatically generated walls. Click Yes to continue with the operation.



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