



Creating a Floating Staircase

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QUESTION

How can I create a floating staircase?

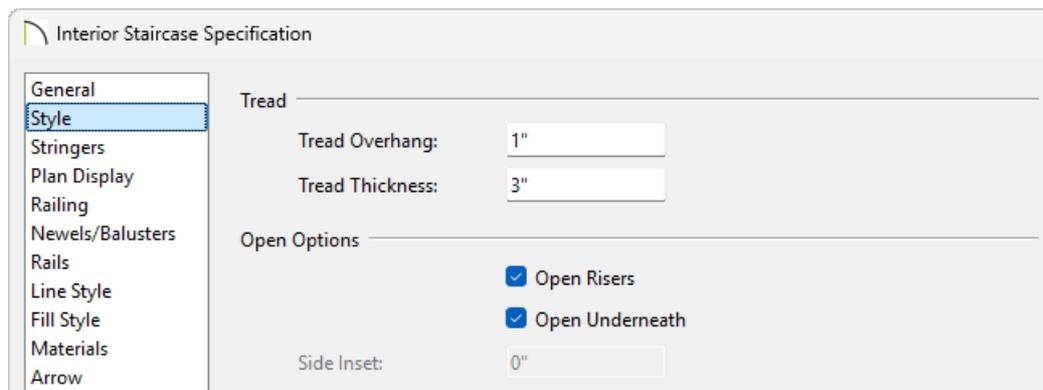


ANSWER

A floating staircase can easily be created by customizing the stringer, tread, and railing settings associated with a staircase.

To create a floating staircase

1. In your desired plan, navigate to **Build > Stairs** , select your desired **Stair**  tool, then create the staircase that will be a floating staircase.
2. With the staircase created, **Select**  it, then click the **Open Object**  edit tool.
3. In the **Staircase Specification** dialog that displays:



- On the **STYLE** panel, specify your desired **Tread Overhang** and **Tread Thickness**, then ensure that the **Open Risers** and **Open Underneath** boxes are both checked.

In this example, the Tread Thickness is changed from the default value of 1" to 3".

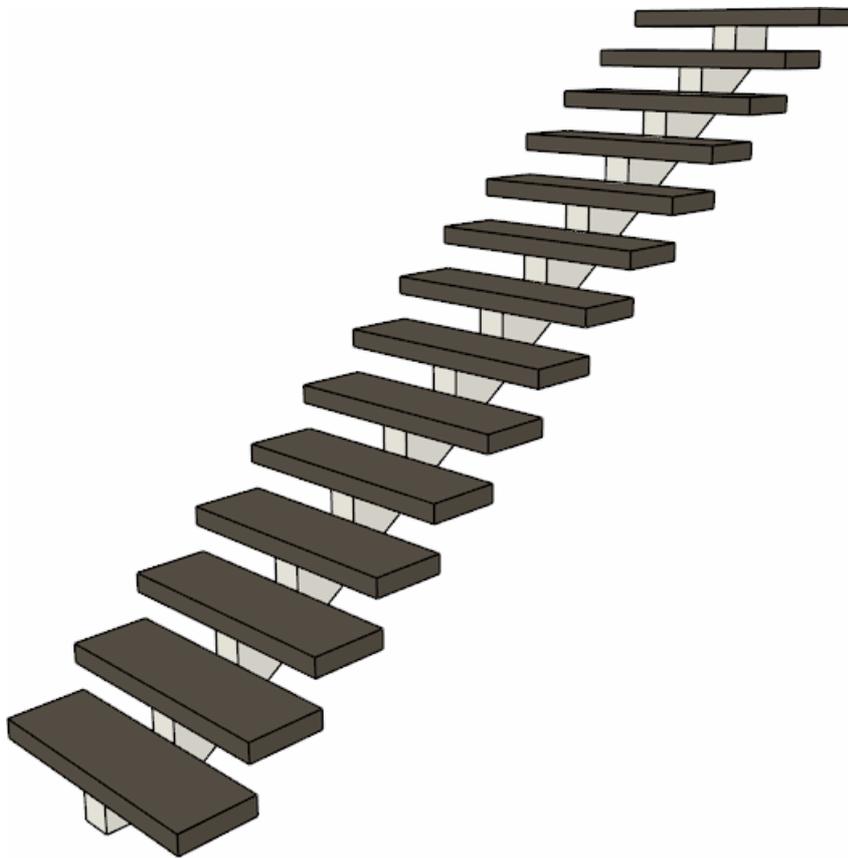
- On the **STRINGERS** panel, specify your desired Stringer Style, as well as other settings such as the wall trim and stringer options.

In this example, the 1 Center Stringer option is selected. However, you can choose No Stringers to remove all stringers from the staircase, or Custom Stringers to specify a fully custom stringer configuration.

- Access the **RAILING**, **NEWELS/BALUSTERS**, and **RAILS** panels to adjust properties associated with the stair railings.

4. Make any other desired modifications to your staircase, then click **OK**.

5. Take a **Camera**  view to see the results.



6. If you intend to use this staircase in another plan, first select the stair, then click the **Add to Library***  edit tool to add the individual stair section to the User Catalog. Landings cannot be added to the User Catalog.

**Applies to Chief Architect Premier X16 and newer versions.*

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