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Controlling the Display of the Crosshairs

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QUESTION

When drawing in Chief Architect, I am used to my mouse pointer being a precision crosshair. It is instead displaying as a regular pointer or a text cursor.

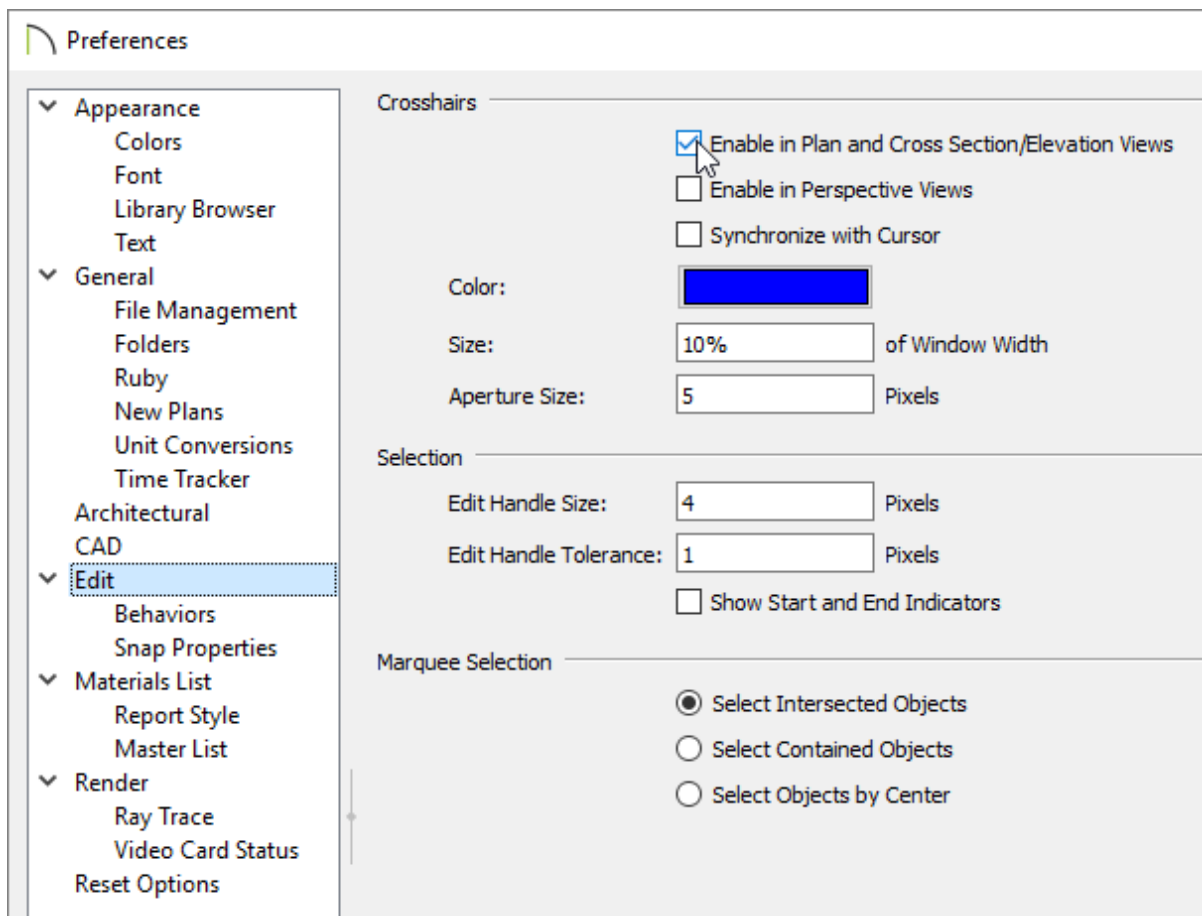What do I need to do to get the crosshairs back?

ANSWER

The crosshairs are controlled by program preferences for all plans.

To control the display of the Crosshairs

1. First, launch Chief Architect and choose the **New Plan** option; or you can start a new plan by going to **File> New Plan** .

2. Select **Edit> Preferences** if you're on a Windows PC or **Chief Architect> Preferences** if you're on a Mac.

3. In the **Preferences** dialog, select the EDIT panel.

- Check **Enable in Plan and Cross Section/Elevation Views** to use a crosshair cursor in floor plan, cross section and elevation views. This option is checked by default.

- Check **Enable in Perspective Views** to use a crosshair cursor in perspective camera views and overviews.

- When **Synchronize with Cursor** is checked, the mouse pointer and crosshairs always move together on screen. If you feel that they do not keep up with your mouse movements, try unchecking this option.

- Click the color bar to open the **Color Chooser** dialog and specify the color of the crosshairs.

- Crosshair size is specified as a percentage of the width of the view window. Specify the **Size (%) of Window Width** as **100%** to extend the cross hairs across the entire screen.

- Set the **Aperture Size**, measured in pixels. The aperture is the space where the crosshairs meet. A value of 0 makes the cross hairs meet at a point. Larger numbers

leave a gap in the center.

4. Once you have made any desired changes to the display of the crosshairs, click **OK** to apply and close the **Preferences** dialog.