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Creating a Screen Porch

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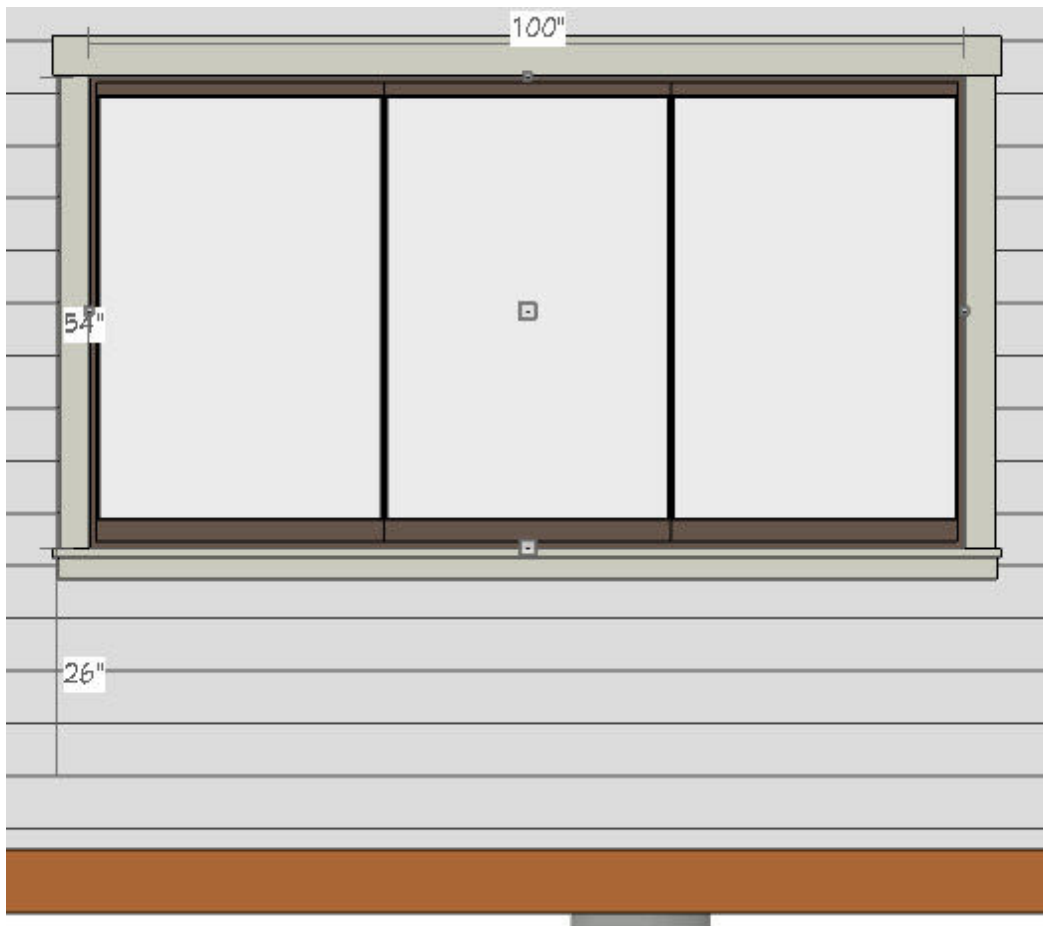How can I create a screened-in porch in Chief Architect?

ANSWER

Screened panels can be created by applying a custom material to the glass in a window and then using copies of this window to form a porch.
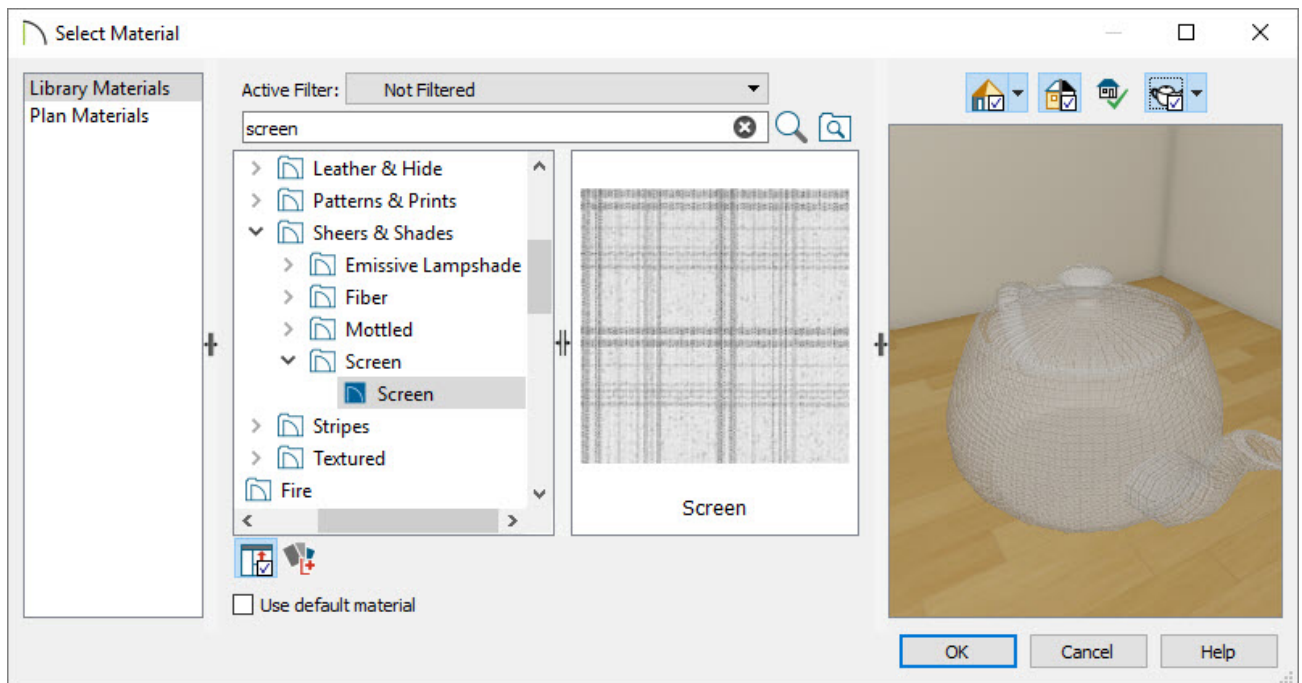
To place and position the windows

1. Select **Build> Window> Window** ▭ and place a window into a wall that defines your porch.

2. Select **3D> Create Orthographic View> Cross Section/Elevation** 🏠 and take a cross section of the screen porch wall containing the window.

3. In the **Cross Section/Elevation** view, select your window and using the edit handles:

   o Adjust the top height of the window to match the top of your wall

   o Adjust the bottom height of the window to the height where you want the bottom of your screen to start

To change the material from glass to a screen material

1. Using the **Select Objects** ⟍ tool, select the window and click the **Open Object** ⊓ edit button.

2. On the GENERAL panel of the **Window Specification** dialog that opens, change the Window Type to **Fixed Glass**.

3. Select the MATERIALS panel, select the **Glass** component, then click on the **Select Material** button.

4. On the LIBRARY MATERIALS panel of the **Select Material** dialog that opens, navigate to **Chief Architect Core Catalogs> Materials> Fabric & Wall Coverings> Sheers & Shades> Screen> Screen**, select it, then click **OK**.

5. Click **OK** once more to close the dialog completely, applying the change.

6. Repeat this process for any remaining porch windows in your plan.

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