

Creating an Open Below Room

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QUESTION

I want to create an opening or a hole to a lower floor, such as in a grand entry, loft, balcony, mezzanine or elevator shaft situation, but I don't know how to get rid of the floor in this area. How do I accomplish this task?



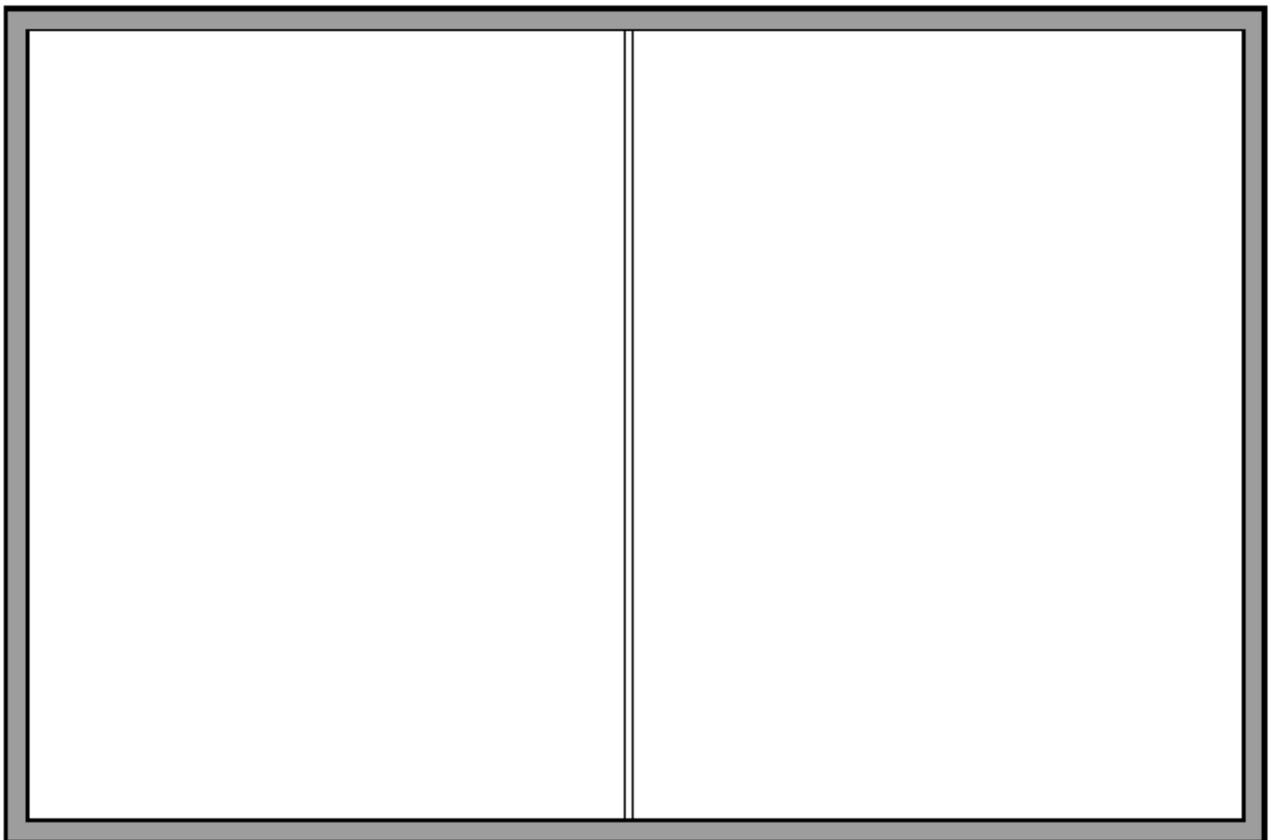
ANSWER

The Open Below room type is useful when you want to create an area open to the floor below it, such as for a manually created stairwell.

To create an open below room

1. Define the area you wish to create an opening in by using any combination of the various wall tools, such as a **Straight Railing** .

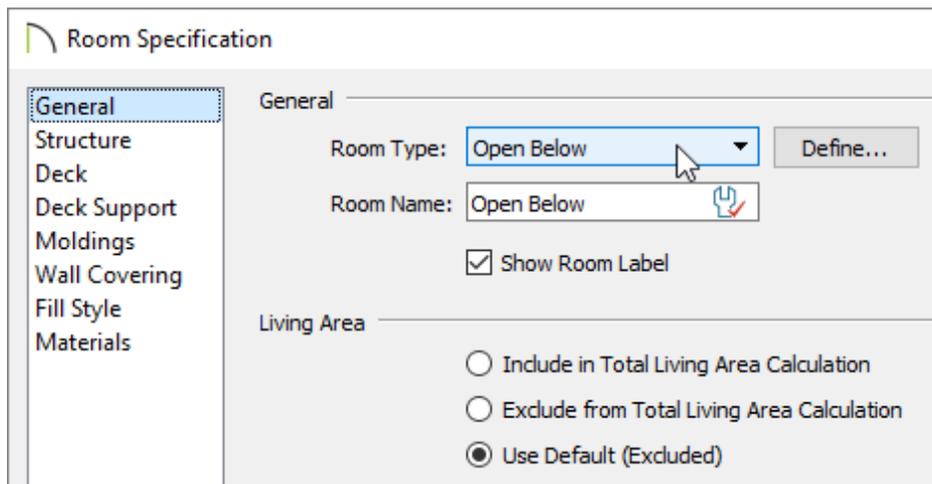
If you don't want any walls or railings, use the **Room Divider**  tool instead.



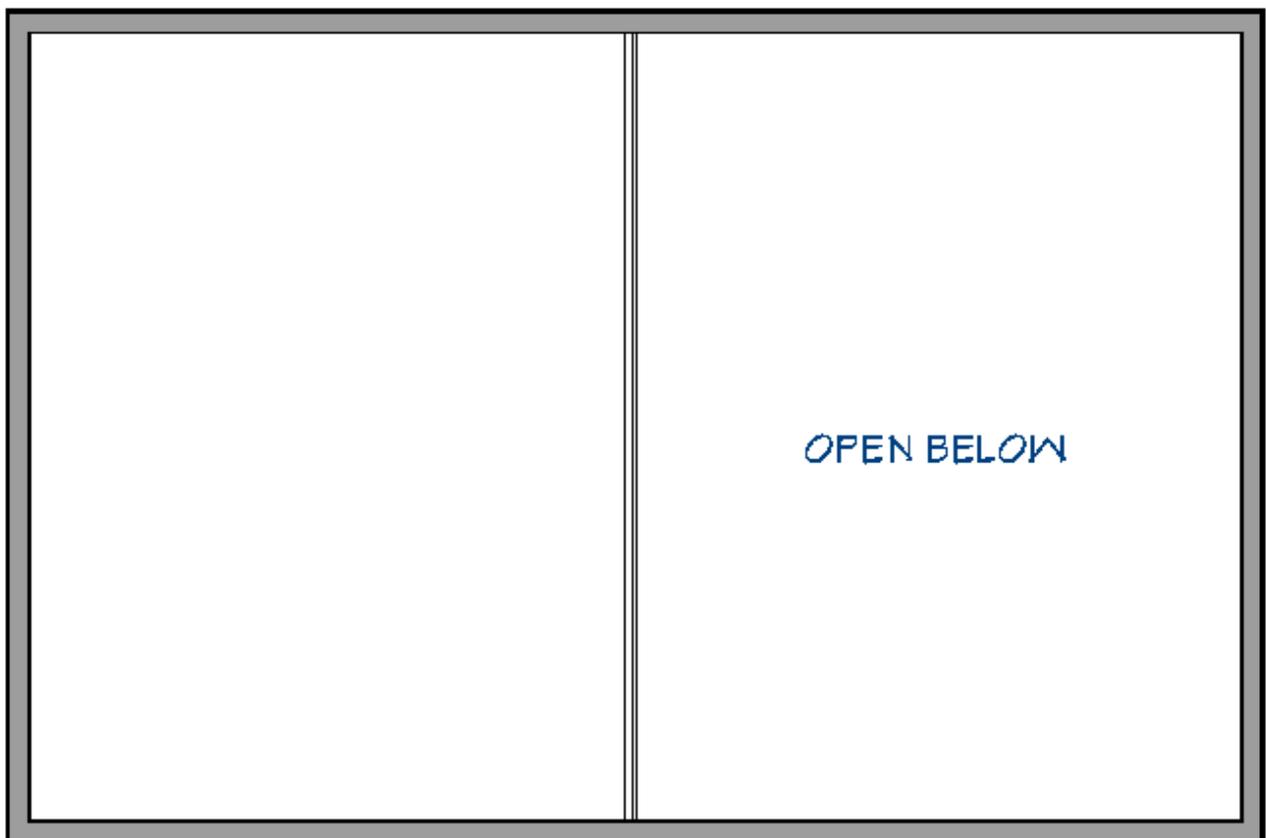
In this example, we created a 20' x 30' structure, generated an additional floor level, and placed a straight railing in the middle of the second floor.

2. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, select a room, then click on the **Open Object**  edit button to display the **Room Specification** dialog.

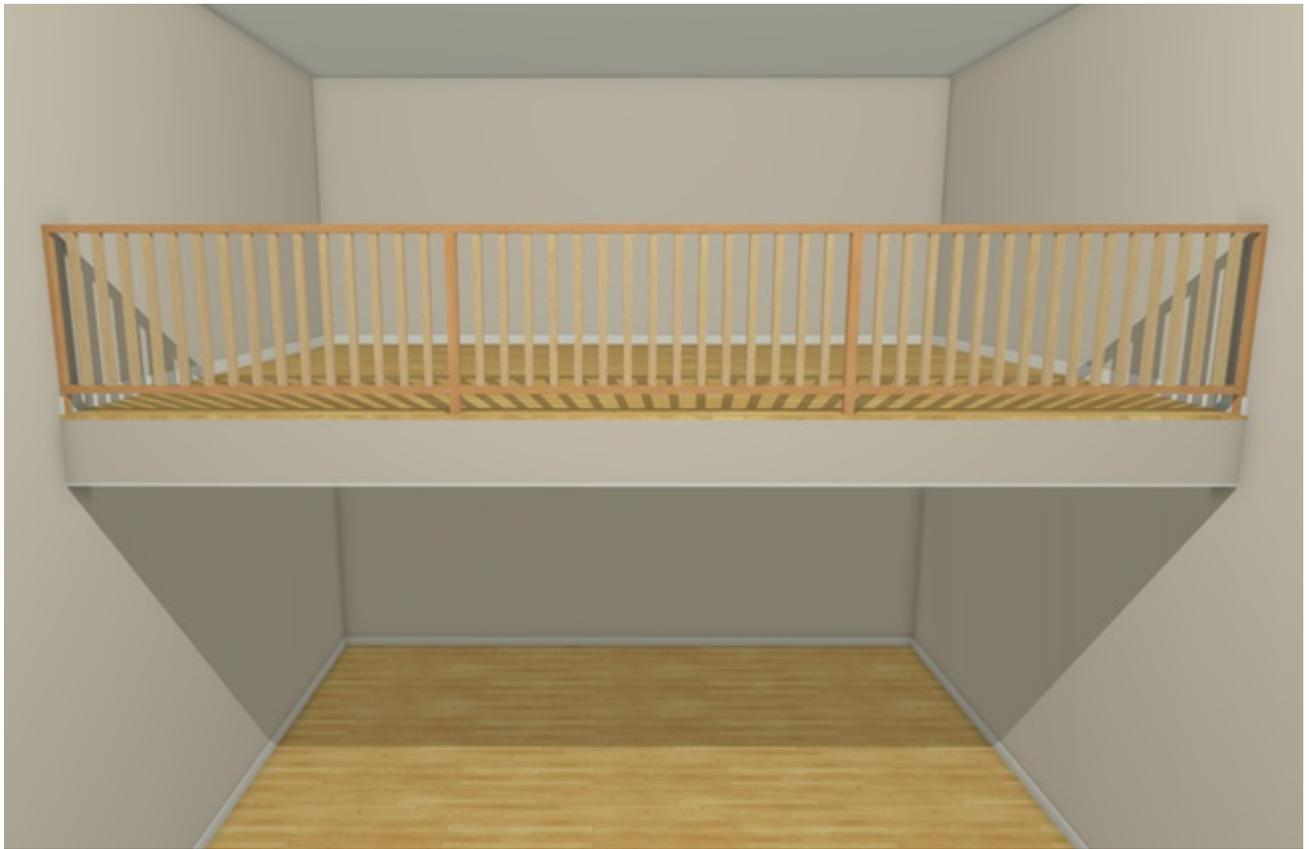
3. On the **GENERAL** panel, select **Open Below** from the **Room Type** drop-down menu.



4. Click **OK** to confirm the change, and notice that the room label will reflect the open below room type that was chosen.



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



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