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Creating a Floating Staircase

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QUESTION

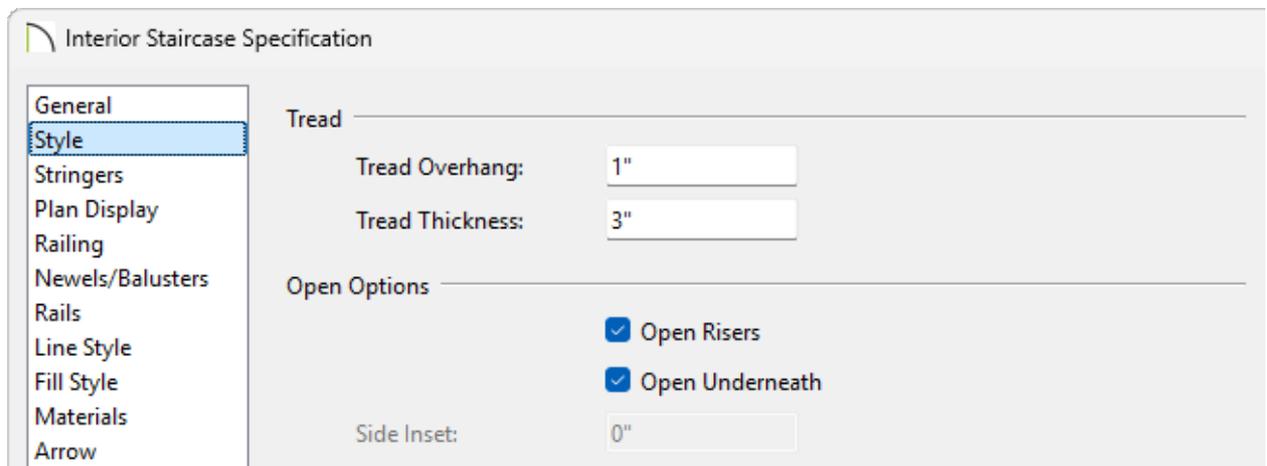How can I create a floating staircase?

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

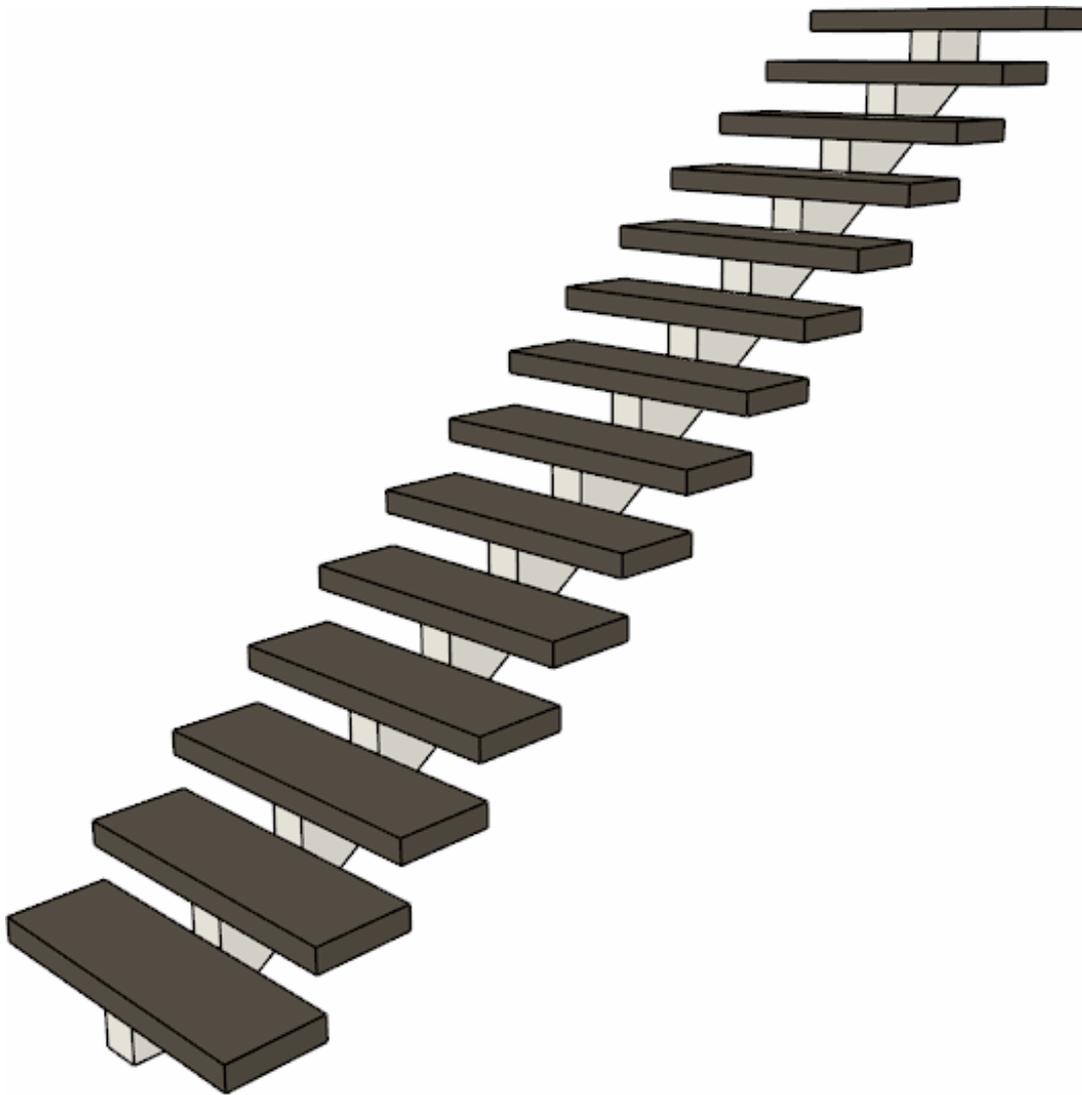   In this example, the Tread Thickness is changed from the default value of 1" to 3".

- 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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