



# Home Designer<sup>®</sup>

## Essentials 2012

### New and Enhanced Features

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Monolithic Slab technology. Designing slab foundations is now faster, easier, and more accurate
Display cutout indicators for Garage Doors in foundation stem walls and curbing
Improved Corner Cabinet Hardware. Single knob hardware for pie-cut corner cabinets
Easily control lighting. New edit controls for lighting allow you to turn lights on or off with a single click
Automatic GFCI outlets in Kitchens. Use the Auto Place Outlet tool to add GFCI outlets to your kitchen rooms
Enhanced Wall Editing with Dimensions. Adjust wall lengths by selecting dimensions or temporary dimensions that run parallel to the wall
Door Defaults by Door Type. Set unique door defaults for different types of doors: hinged, pocket, bifold, sliding, and garage
3D Door Display options. New edit tools "Show Door Open in 3D" and "Show Door Closed in 3D" make it fast and easy to control the state of doors in 3D views
Stair Up/Down Arrow layer control. New layer for stair and ramp arrow allows you to control
Improved speed of deleting objects from the Library Browser
Library Tree Reorganization. Manufacturer, User, Home Designer Core, and Home Designer Bonus catalogs are now grouped into separate categories for easier navigation
Library Object Shortcuts. Create shortcut items to any object in the Library Browser to customize your organization
Faster and more reliable catalog downloads. Downloaded content automatically installs (no pre-subscription required)
Enhanced feedback for Library Catalog downloads status. Options to Continue or Cancel downloads when Home Designer closes. Catalog Downloads automatically restart if Home Designer is closed then re-launched
Automatic Room Connections. Island rooms (rooms within rooms) automatically connect to outer rooms via an invisible wall to ensure proper room definitions
Layer for Camera Labels. Label display for cameras is now independent from the camera display
Improved railings clip to ceiling surface. Railings that intersect roofs and ceilings are automatically clipped to fit the slope
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