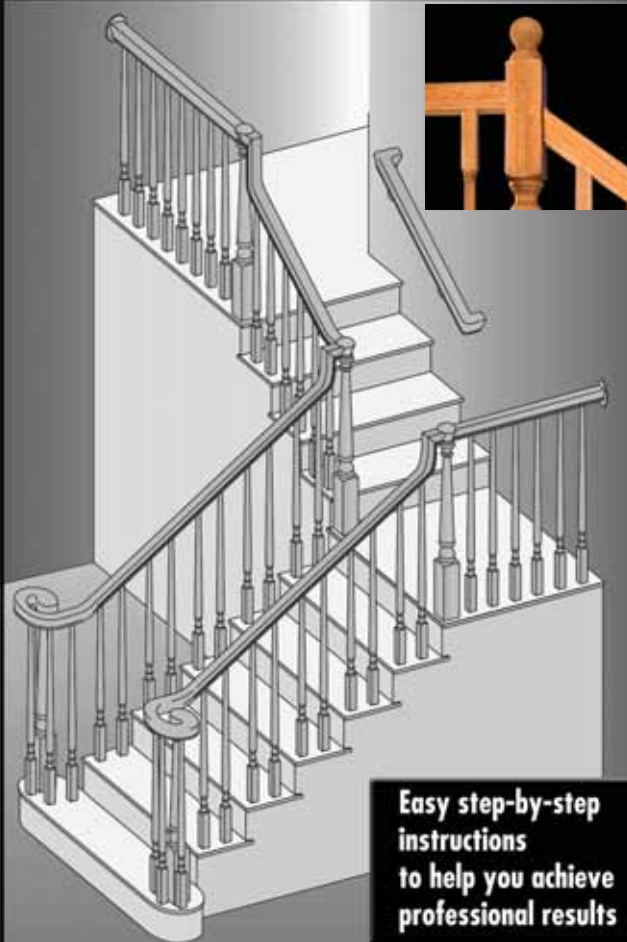


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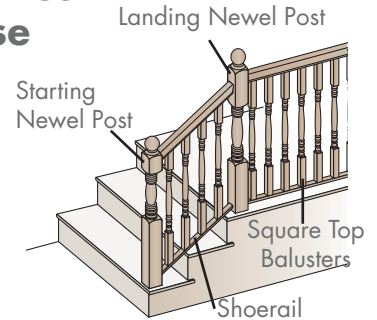
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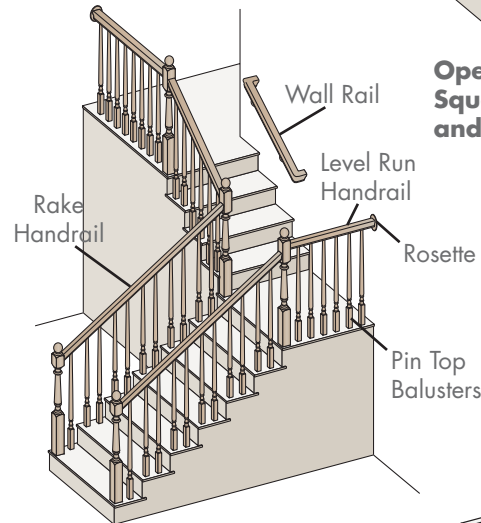
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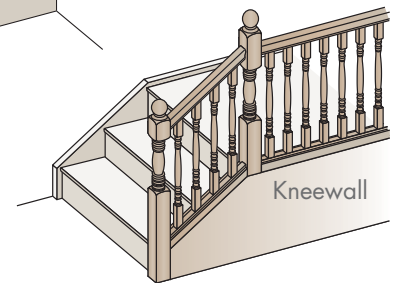
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Open Staircase with Square Top Balusters and Shoerail

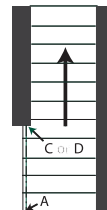


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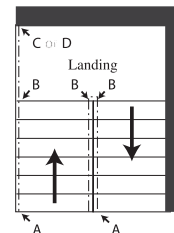
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Straight



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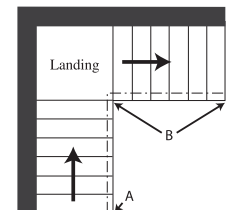
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Legend

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B - Landing Newel

"L" - Shaped



C - Rosette
D - Half Newel

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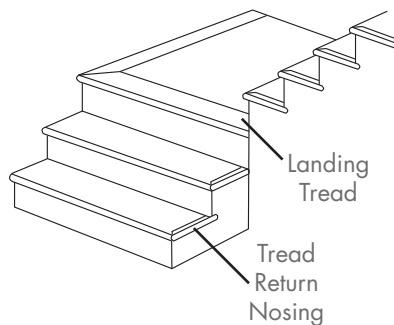
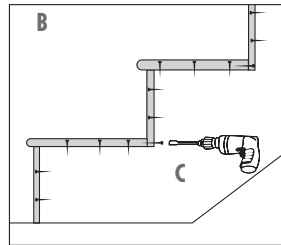
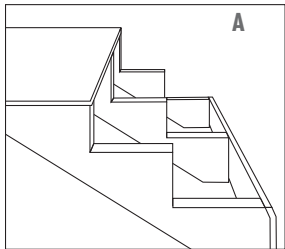
Tools Required:

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Gluing	Carpenter's glue and construction adhesive
Screw Driving	Screwdriver (manual or power), 3" wood screws
Drilling	Hand drill, drill guide and 1/8", 1/4", 3/8", 5/8", 3/4", 1" wood bits
Finishing	Sandpaper, steel wool, wood file, wood chisel, finishing stain, rags, tack cloth, etc.

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Getting Started - Tread and Riser Installation:

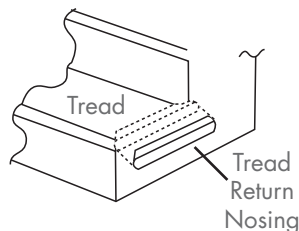
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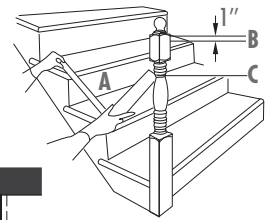
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Basic Layout and Newel Post Installation:

Marking Your Staircase for Installation

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Starting Newel Height Installation

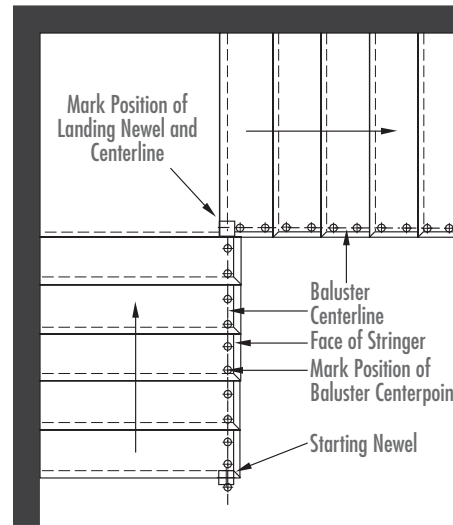


With newel in position where it is to be mounted, slide short end of framing square along slope of stairway.

A) Slide into post as shown. Make mark.

B) Measure down 1" from top of newel square. Make mark.

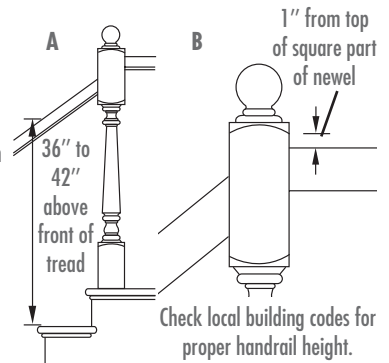
C) The difference between the two marks "A" and "B" is what will be cut off bottom of newel. Proceed with newel installation.



Landing Newel Height

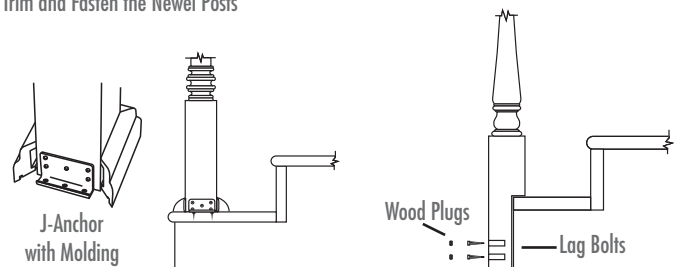
A) Height of the handrail should be between 36" and 42". Check local building codes.

B) Place the top of the handrail one inch below the top block of the newel.

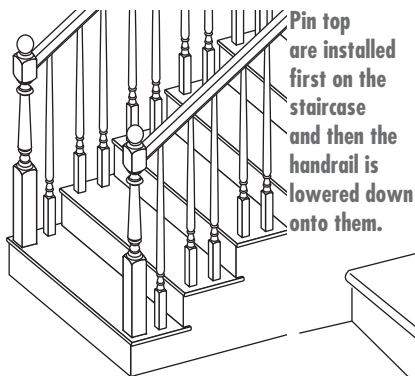


Newel Post Attachment

Trim and Fasten the Newel Posts

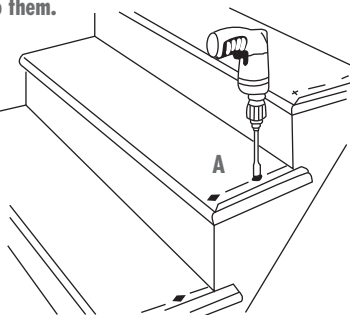


7a Attaching Handrail for Pin Top Balusters:



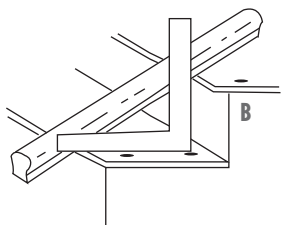
A) Mark baluster placement on treads allowing for equal spacing.

Drill treads the same size and depth as pin on bottom of baluster.

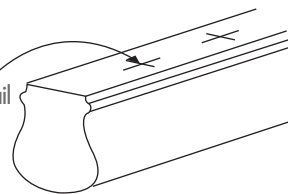


B) Lay handrail along stairs allowing extra length for proper fit to newels. Using framing square, transfer tread markings to side of handrail. Transfer markings to bottom center of handrail.

C) Locate baluster holes in solid handrail. Mark center of handrail



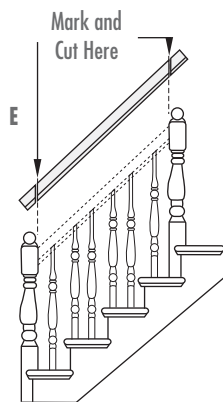
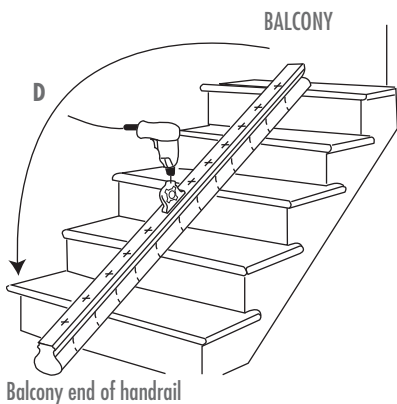
C Mark Handrail Here



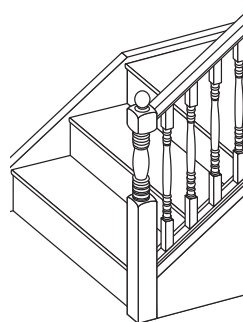
D) Rotate handrail 180° on stairs so balcony side of handrail is at base of stairs. Drill holes using 5/8" drill bit a minimum of 3/4" deep into handrail. Use drill guide set to proper angle

E) Using newels as guide, mark handrail and cut to proper length. Follow instructions for attaching newels.

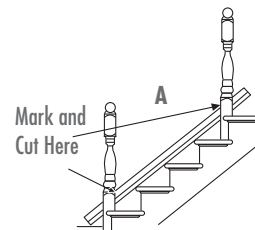
For balconies, follow same procedures, keeping handrail on flat surface when drilling.



7b Attaching Handrail for Square Top Balusters:



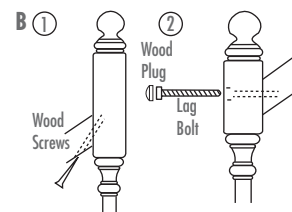
Square top balusters are installed after the bottom shoerail and plowed handrail are installed.



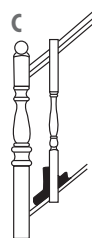
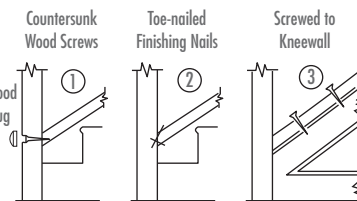
A) Lay handrail and shoerail along stairs, marking where they intersect with newels. Place rail on side and cut along marks.

B) Attach handrail using option #1 (3" wood screws) or option #2 (4-1/2" lag bolts through front of rail). Both options require pre-drilling a pilot hole. Attach shoerail using option #1 (3" wood screws), option #2 (toe-nailed finishing nails) or option #3 (screwed to kneewall).

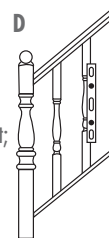
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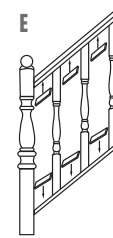
Shoerail



C) Use an adjustable square to determine the angle of the cut; allow for 1/4" plow depth on each handrail and shoerail.



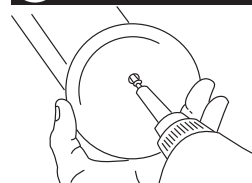
D) Cut balusters to the correct length. Once spacing is determined, glue and toe-nail balusters into place.



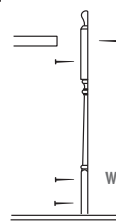
E) Cut fillet pieces being sure to match angles. Glue and nail into place using 1/2" finishing nails.

*Most codes require 4" on center spacing, but you should check your local building codes.

8 Finish to Wall and Wall Rail Installation:



Attach rosette or half newel directly to handrail as shown. Secure first to handrail using nails or screws, then secure to wall.

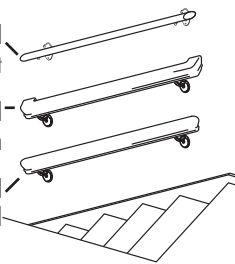


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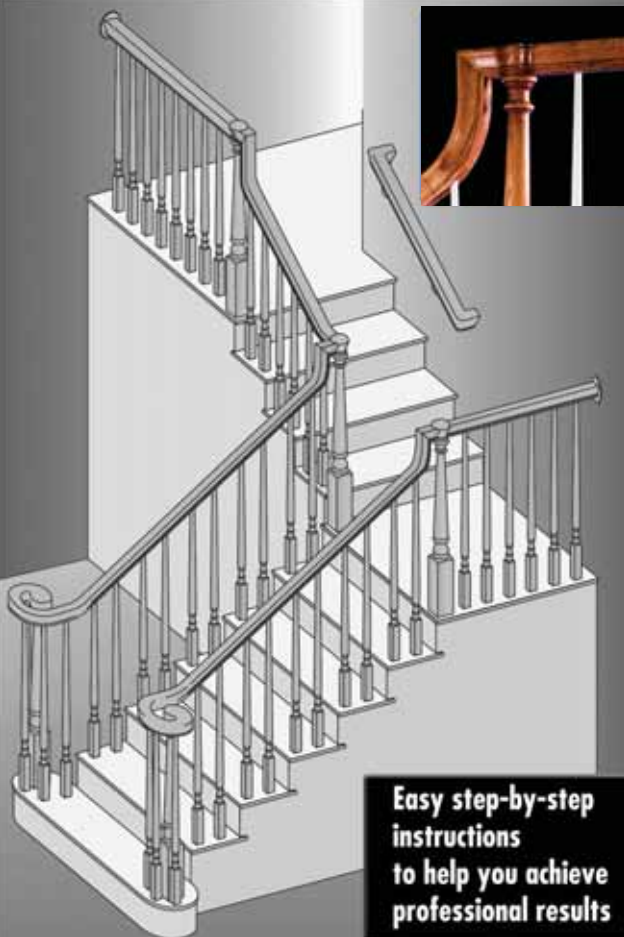
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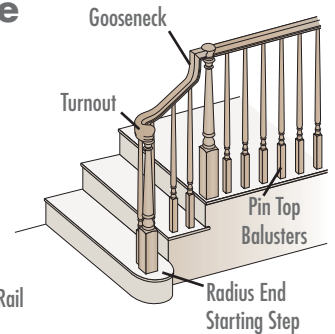
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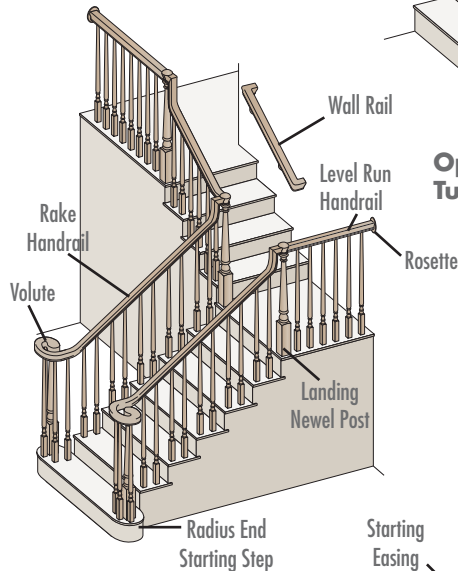
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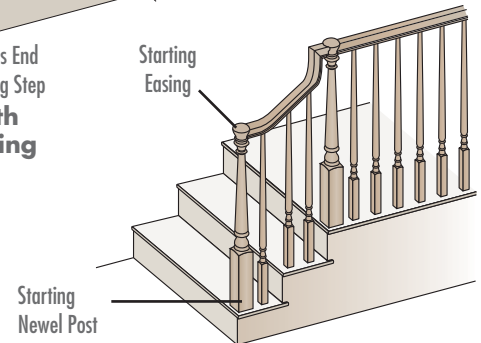
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Open Staircase with Turnout Starting Fitting

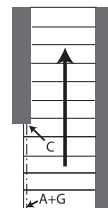


Open Staircase with Volute Starting Fitting



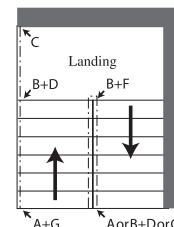
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Straight



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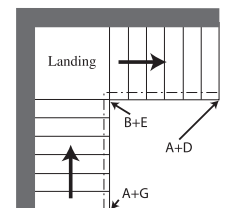
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Legend

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- B - Landing Newel
- C - Rosette

"L" - Shaped



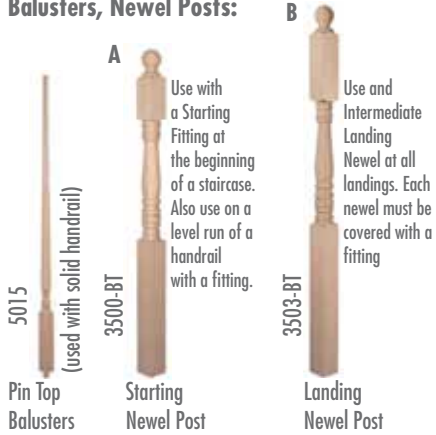
- D - Straight Gooseneck
- E - 90° Gooseneck
- F - 180° Gooseneck
- G - Starting Fitting

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Selecting Your Parts:

There are several styles and options for your treads, risers, balusters and newel posts. Below are the most common. Other items are available by special order. Check with your store representative.

Balusters, Newel Posts:



Rosettes:



Mounting Hardware:



Treads and Risers:



Handrail, Ends and Wall Rails:



Wall Rails Brackets:



Choose Fitting Style:



Choose Gooseneck Style:



Each newel post must be covered with a fitting. The floor plans to the left illustrate the fitting components needed for each landing situation.

Choose Starting Fitting:



Non-Stock Fittings Available UPS Quick-Ship. See store personnel.

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Post-to-Post Staircase Parts Checklist:

Check local building codes to ensure compliance.
All stair parts shown in this brochure are for interior use only.
Treads - Select one tread for each step.

Part number Selected	Quantity Needed
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Risers - Select one riser for each step (except the starting step). Select one more riser than treads per each staircase.

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Landing Tread - Select sufficient lineal footage for the entire balcony and width of stairs at each landing.

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Return Nosing - If stair is open on one side, select one tread return nosing per step. If two-sided, select two per step.

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Starting Fitting - Select either a Volute, Turnout, or Starting Easing.

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Starting or Landing Newel* - Use at the bottom of the stairway and at the second floor landing. If the balcony is 10 feet or longer, use the starting newel every 5 or 6 ft. Place a newel at every corner under a quarterturn.

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Intermediate Landing Newel* - Use at the intermediate landing corner of a U- or L-shaped stair.

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Rosette - Select a rosette for each handrail connection into a wall.

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Newel Mounting Hardware (J-Anchor) - Select one newel mounting kit for each newel post mounted on top of a tread.

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Balusters for Starting Fittings* - Each volute requires (6)1-1/4" x 41" balusters, or (4)1-1/4" or 1-3/4" x 41" balusters. Each turnout requires (2)1-1/4" x 41" balusters or (1)1-3/4" x 41" baluster. Each starting easing requires (1) 41" baluster.

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Rake Balusters* - Select the 34" baluster for the front baluster on each tread and the 36" baluster for the back baluster on each tread. If using 3 balusters per tread, use the 36" baluster for the middle baluster on each tread.

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Level Run Balusters* - Use the 36" baluster for all 36" height balconies and the 41" baluster for all 41" height balconies. Standard placement is 4" on center. Check local building code for your area.

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Handrail - Buy 13" of handrail for each tread or step. Buy enough for all level runs.

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Plugs - Select two wood plugs for every newel mounting using lag bolts. Select one plug for each handrail rail bolt used.

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Handrail Mounting Hardware - Select one Rail Bolt Kit for each handrail-to-handrail connection required.

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Gooseneck Fittings - Select the appropriate gooseneck fitting for each straight, U or L-shaped staircase newel.

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*Note: These guidelines are for a rake handrail height of 36" - 41". Longer newels and balusters may be required for a different handrail height.

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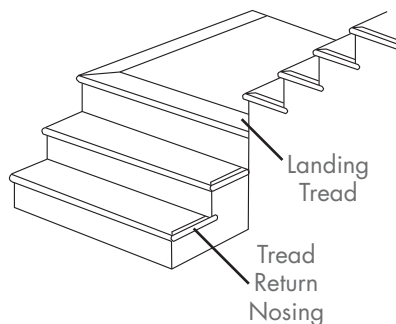
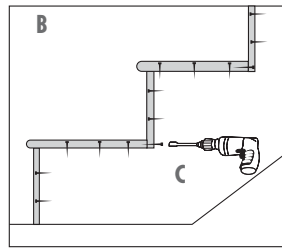
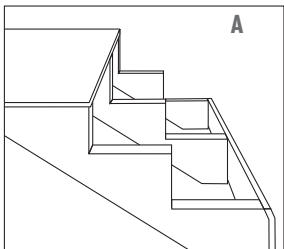
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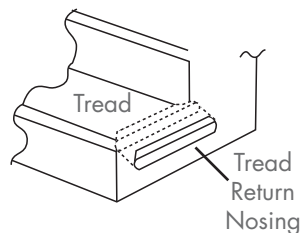
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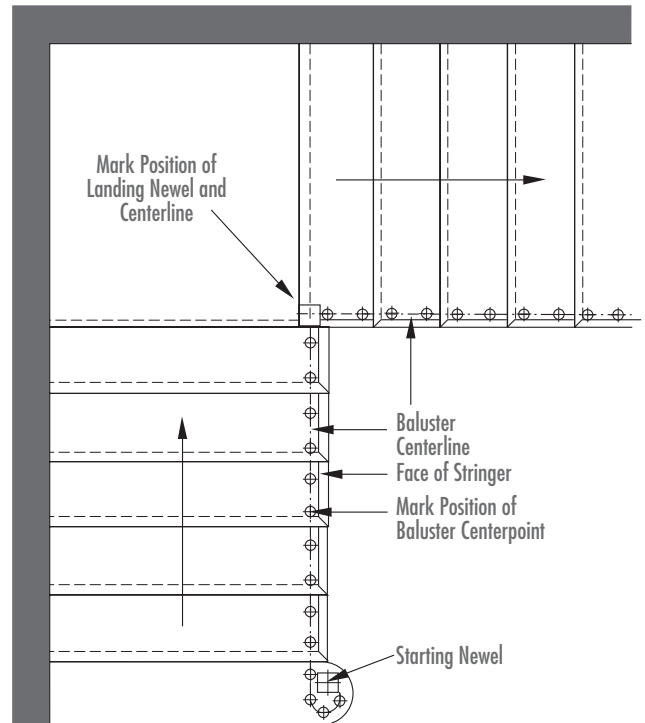
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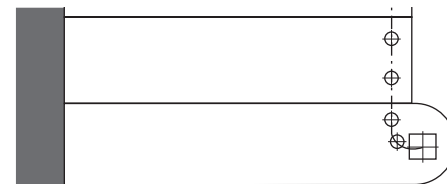
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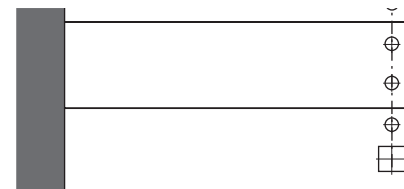


Volute Starting Fitting Layout

The balustrade centerline and newel centerpoints should be laid out. On a kneewall stair, the balustrade should be centered on the kneewall. On an open-tread stair, the centerline should be 1/2 of the baluster square in from the face of the stringer; i.e. 5/8" for a 1-1/4" baluster.



Turnout Starting Fitting Layout



Starting Easing Fitting Layout

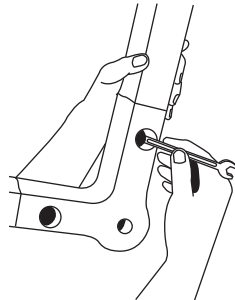
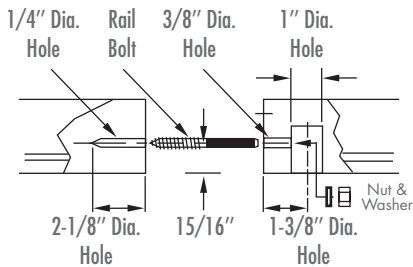
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Assemble the Handrail:

Assemble the handrail on top of the stair treads prior to installing the newel posts. Use rail bolts and glue at each fitting connection. Complete instructions are included with fittings.

Rail Bolt Installation

Apply glue to ends. Assemble and install nut. Tighten nut with wrench. Fill access hole with wood plug.



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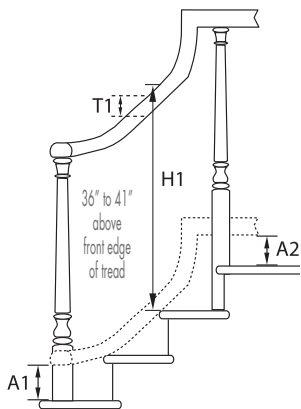
Newel Post Installation:

Measure and Trim Newel Posts

The rake rail height should be between 36"–42" (H1) (check local building codes). Center the assembled handrail over the newel locations. Measure the distance between the tread and the bottom of the handrail fitting (A1 and A2). Also measure the rake rail thickness (T1). Use the following formula to calculate the starting newel height.

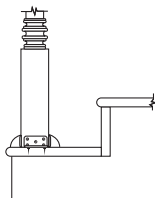
$$H1 + A1 - T1 = \text{Starting Newel Height}$$

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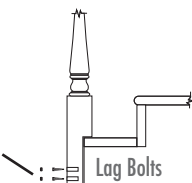


Newel Post Installation

J-Anchor with molding



Wood Plugs



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Installing the Balusters and Handrail:

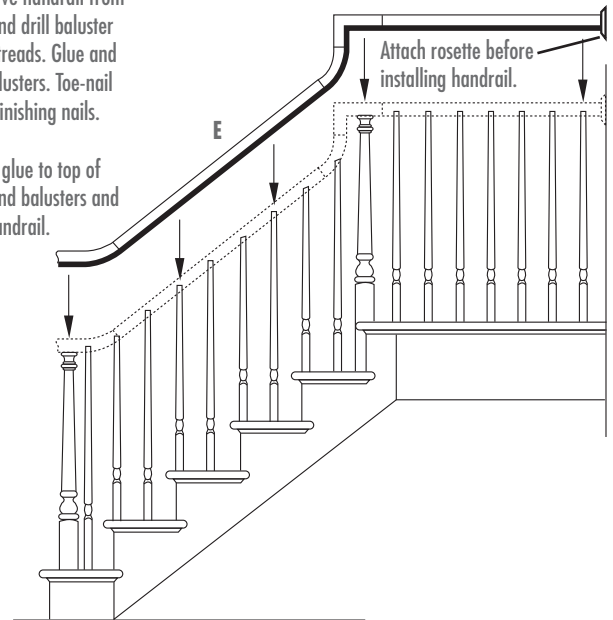
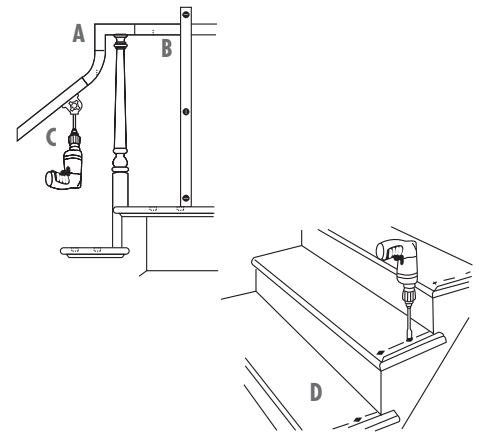
A) Temporarily position assembled handrail onto newels.

B) Use level to mark the handrail with baluster centers.

C) While handrail is on newels, drill baluster holes with drill guide. Drill holes using 5/8" drill bit a minimum of 3/4" deep into handrail.

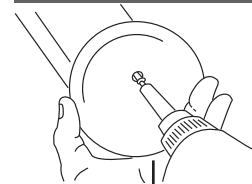
D) Remove handrail from newels and drill baluster holes in treads. Glue and insert balusters. Toe-nail with 1" finishing nails.

E) Apply glue to top of newels and balusters and attach handrail.

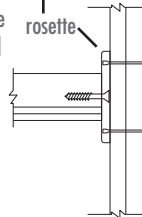


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Finish to Wall and Wall Rail Installation:



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