



# Selecting Your Stairway Components

**Step 1:** Choose between a **Post to Post** and an **Over the Post** stair design. In a **Post to Post** system the handrail runs between the newel posts and in an **Over the Post** system the handrail runs over the top of the newels using fittings. Follow these thorough but simple guidelines to obtain the Stairway of your dreams.

**Step 2:** Select your **baluster** style next. At Oak Pointe we allow you the flexibility to choose between the 3 Length and 5 Length wood baluster designs or Iron balusters. (see next page)





The 3 length baluster system aligns the bottom square and the turned area of the baluster with the rake (angle) of the stairway. Balusters come with a loose bottom dowel pin and should be trimmed from the bottom.

3 Length Balusters, see pages 14-29



The 5 length baluster system aligns the bottom square and the turned portion of the baluster horizontally on each tread. Balusters have a fixed bottom dowel pin and should be trimmed from the top.

5 Length Balusters, see pages 30-31



Iron Balusters, see pages 35-43

**Step 3:** After selecting your baluster, choose your **handrail**, see pages 46 and 47 Pin top balusters utilize flat bottom railings. We recommend the use of plowed handrail when a square top baluster has been selected. For 1-1/4" square top balusters choose 6010P125, 6109P125, 6601P125 or 6701P125. Most wider railings may be ordered with a custom P125 (1-1/4" plow). When using 1-3/4" square top balusters choose

6210P175, 6310P175, 6519P175, 6710P175, 6910P175, 6109P175, 6400P175, 6005P175, 9500P175 or 9700P175. 6519 and 6400 handrails are available with a 2" plow (P200) for 2" square top balusters.

**Step 4:** Choose your **newels**. Decide if you want to use coordinated newels from the same group as your balusters (page 14 to 29) or complementary ones, such as Box Newels (see pages 10 to 13).

**Step 5:** On an **Over the Post System** decide which **starting fitting** to begin your stairway: Volute, Turnout or Starting Easing.



Volute



Turnout



Starting easing with cap

**Step 6: Starting steps** are a beautiful architectural element for most any stairway. If you would like a starting step at the bottom of your stairway, use the choices you made in Step 3 (handrail), Step 4 (newels) and Step 5 (starting fittings) to choose the correct starting step. See pages 52 and 53.

**Step 7:** Choosing which **treads & risers** are right for your stairway depends if you would like an **open tread** or **kneewall stairway** and whether you will carpet all or just the center of the steps. For our selection of **treads, risers, false ends and related moldings** see pages 54 and 55.



Open Tread Stairway



Kneewall Stairway

**Step 8:** Select the rest of the  **fittings** needed for your **Over the Post** stairway. If you chose a **Post to Post** system, decide whether you want to utilize goosenecks with your landing newels. See our selection of  **fittings** on pages 48 to 51.



Utilizing landing newels with long top blocks allows the railing to run straight into the newel top block



Newels on landings can have shorter top blocks like starting newels when a gooseneck fitting is selected

**Step 9:** We offer a wide selection of **hardware and accessories** to complete your stair system. See pages 55-57.

**Step 10:** You did it! Now place your order for Oak Pointe components with one of our dealers and our craftsmen will manufacture it with great care and skill. Remember, if you have other turned architectural details in your home or project we can make them for you and we can coordinate them with your stair parts too! Thank you for your confidence!