Instant Fence and Railing Styles

With Preset Fence and Railing Styles, the script can be used without the need to learn parameter settings

- Styles are saved sets of parameters.
- Libraries are groups of Styles.
- When a style is used in a model, it is entered into the "In Model" style library ands saved with the file.
- New styles are easily created by saving a modification to an existing style.

Style Libraries There are 7 libraries. They are displayed in the "LIBRARY' drop down list.

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Styles A style is chosen from the 'STYLE' pull down list for the selected library.



Style Icon Menu Styles can also be chosen from an image menu by clicking.



In Model library - Displays styles that are used in the model. It's empty because I haven't created a fence or railing in this model yet.



Banisters library. Rolling over an image will display an enlarged image and the style name.



Fence - Metal library







Railing - Glass library



Railing - Metal library



Railing - Wood library



Misc *library*



User Defined *library* - Thumbnails and enlarged images are also displayed for user created styles.



Create New Style Example

1. I made a group enclosing a center line for a Fence.



2. Selected the preset style "Picket Fence 1".



3. Edited a single parameter -changing from Gothic pickets to Pyramid Top pickets



4. Created a new style named "Picket Fence Pointed -new".



4. Created the fence and zoomed/panned to the view I want to use for the new style icon.



5. Selected "Manage Styles" from the Instant Fence Railing menu.

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6. Selected "Save User Style".



7. Selected the new style "Picket Fence Pointed -new" and clicked "OK".

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8. The new style "Picket Fence Pointed -new" is now displayed in the "User Defined" library and will available to all SketchUp models and sessions. Both a thumbnail and enlarged image have been added to the menu.



Manage Styles Choose "Plugins / Vali Architects /Instant Fence Railing /Manage styles" or click the icon. Manage Fence & Railing Styles × Choose Function * Purge unused Fence Compone 🔻 Save User Style OK Cancel Delete User Style(s) Export to File Import From File Delete From Model Restore Default Styles Rename Style Import / Export User Style Library * Purge unused Fence Components

Save User Style: Creates Menu entry as described above.

Delete User Style(s): Erases saved User Styles and associated icons.

Export to File: Exports style to an external file

Import From File: Imports external style file

When a style is used in a drawing, that style - including any changes made to it - will be saved with the file and displayed in the "In Model" library. If a change is made to a preset style (but not given a new name) the preset style will be redefined and saved for that model only. This allows a model with customized styles to be saved as a template file. The next 3 methods permit modifications to these style definitions in the model.

Delete From Model: Removes selected styles from the "In Model" library and restores preset style definitions.

Restore Default Styles: Removes ALL style definitions in the model. (Empties "In Model" library and removes any changes to preset styles that have been saved in the model.)

Rename Style Rename a style in the "In Model" library. If the style name to change matches a preset name, the preset style will be restored to default.

Purge unused Fence Components Use to delete unused Fence and Railing components that may have been created while getting a style just right. It is like Sketchup's built in Purge Unused components but is specific to components made by this extension.

To use your User Styles on a different computer or different version of Sketchup, copy the contents of the UserFenceStyles folder to the same location in the other Sketchup plugins folder.



Alternatively, you can use the Import / Export methods shown below.

Import / Export User Style Library For copying your user styles to a different version of Sketchup or a different computer. (Note: you can also copy your user styles manually. They are found in your Sketchup Plugins folder for this extension.)

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Export To Folder Copies the User Styles to a location on your computer that you select.

Import from Folder Copies a User Styles folder into Sketchup from a location you select.

Export To Other Sketchup When you upgrade to a different version of Sketchup, you can make your User Styles available in the new version by choosing it when prompted:

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