



- BALUSTERS** - The vertical posts which support the railing of the staircase. The term "Balustrade" refers to the baluster and rail system.
- COVE MOULDING** - Decorative strip which when attached to the underside of the tread nosing, covers the joint between the tread and riser.
- FILLET** - Strips which fill the plow between balusters on plowed handrail and shoe rail. Used with square top balusters.
- FITTINGS** - The stair parts used to form a smooth transition when the handrail changes height or makes a turn at a landing or a balcony.
- HANDRAIL** - The horizontal or rake member of a balustrade system. It sits on top of the balusters and is supported by newel posts.
- NEWELS** - Major support posts for the balustrade system. Larger and heavier than the balusters, newels are located at the bottom and top of a staircase and at turns and critical support areas of balcony rails.
- NOSING** - The portion of a tread or landing tread which protrudes beyond the face of the riser.
- RISERS** - The vertical components of a stair which support the treads.
- SHOE RAIL** - A piece running along the floor which is plowed for the insertion of balusters.
- STARTING STEPS** - The first tread and riser at the bottom of the staircase.
- TREADS** - The horizontal portion of the staircase that is walked upon.