



SHELF LIFE

Reimagined bookcases
reveal new function
and style to stow every
room's stuff.

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CUT CORNERS Two bookcases wrap around the corner to host tableware and collectibles in this dining room, *left*. Before assembling the bookcases, adhere paintable wallpaper to the back panels and let dry for 24 hours before applying two coats of latex paint in your desired color. Remove bookcase tops and trim wallpaper to eliminate any overhang. Coat the bookcase frames, tops, and shelves, as well as separate crown molding, with chalk-finish paint. Once dry, sand the surfaces to create a distressed look, and seal with polyurethane. After letting cure for one week, assemble the two bookcases, arranging them perpendicular to each other so the side of one bookcase is flush with the other's front. Connect the adjacent legs with a screw, then secure the bookcases to the wall with L brackets. To apply the crown molding, measure the perimeter of the joined bookcases, and cut the crown molding to fit with 45-degree miter cuts. Attach molding with pin nails.



ENSURE THE CONNECTING
SCREW IS LONG ENOUGH TO PASS
THROUGH THE FIRST LEG AND
INTO THE SECOND. DRILL A PILOT
HOLE TO PREVENT SPLITTING.



IN GOOD SPIRITS Gather glasses and bottles of wine, liquor, and mixers in this boozy bookcase, *opposite*. Install one shelf in the middle of the bookcase and one about 12 inches from the bottom. Make nonparallel 45-degree miter cuts to the short ends of one of the extra shelves and angle it inside the bookcase, using screws to secure one end to the middle shelf and the other to the unit's side. For the shorter diagonal divider, cut another shelf to your desired length and make a 45-degree miter cut to one short end. Position this shelf perpendicular to the angled shelf, with the mitered end resting against the side of the bookcase. Secure with screws. Repeat to create dividers for the unit's lower half, angling the longest piece in the opposite direction from the top half. Cover shelves with adhesive cork, *far left*, to prevent items from shifting, and install stemware holders to the underside of the shelf, *left*.

how to make tissue-paper texture

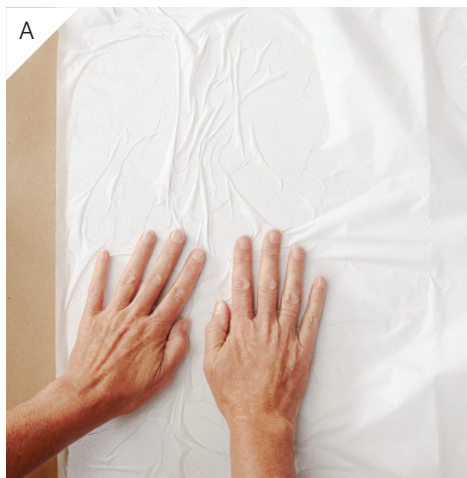
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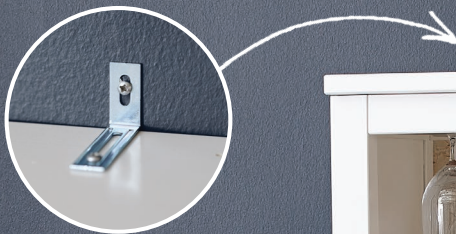
- Drop cloth
- Small paint roller
- White latex paint
- White tissue paper
- Metallic chalk-finish paint (We used American Paint Co.'s Metallix in Champagne.)
- Shallow dish
- Rag

Step 1 Place the bookcase's back panel on a drop cloth, then paint it white using a roller. While paint is still wet, lay a sheet of tissue paper on the panel, scrunching and maneuvering the paper until you reach your desired amount of texture (A).

Step 2 Continue adding tissue paper until the panel is covered. Top the tissue paper with another coat of white paint (B), and let dry for 24 hours.

Step 3 Once dry, pour metallic chalk-finish paint into a shallow dish. Dip a rag into the paint to get a small dab of color, then gently rub it on the panel, allowing paint to settle against the texture (C). Continue adding paint until you reach your desired look. Let dry for 24 hours before attaching panel to the bookcase.





ANCHOR YOUR BEVERAGE STATION WITH L BRACKETS TO STOP IT FROM TIPPING.

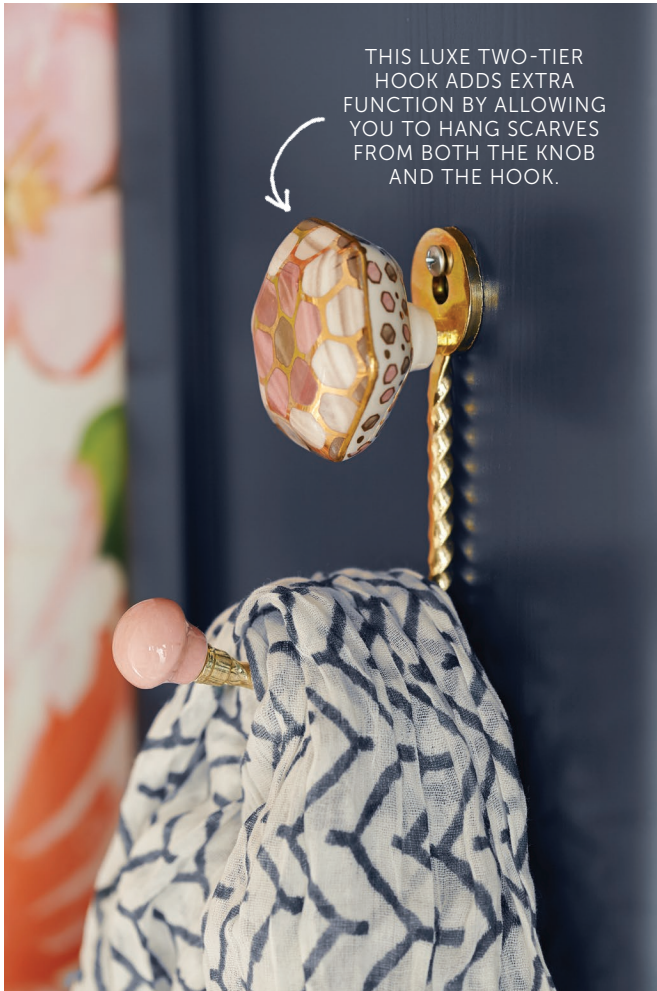


BEFORE FIRING UP THE SAW, ENSURE CUBBIES ARE LARGE ENOUGH TO HOUSE ALL YOUR BEVERAGE STATION MUST-HAVES BY THINKING THROUGH THE ITEMS YOU'LL STORE AND WHERE YOU'LL STASH THEM.

OPEN SOURCE Craft a stylish entryway catchall to collect boots, bags, and dog leashes for grab-and-go ease, *this photo*. First determine your shelf layout, ensuring that the shelves will line up with the bookcase's predrilled holes. (We secured a shelf in the middle of the bookcase and then spaced the remaining shelves about 12 inches apart.) To create dividers and shorter shelves, cut sections equal to the vertical spacing between shelves. Screw the divider to the end of the shortened shelf, then install the connected pieces inside the bookcase. Repeat with remaining shelves. (To create the grid shown here, we purchased additional shelving to cut for dividers.)



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CATHY KRAMER, PROJECT PRODUCER



ATTENTION TO DETAIL Put the sides of your storage unit to work by adding a hook for jackets, scarves, and umbrellas, *above*. Determine the location of your hook, placing it low to give children access or high for adult usage. Before drilling a hole, install a wood block on the inside of the bookcase to support the screw, making sure the block isn’t so bulky that it’s visible beyond the edge of the frame (A).



FANCY CUT
ADD INTEREST TO YOUR STORAGE UNIT BY ACCENTING SHELF EDGES WITH A ¼-INCH BEVEL CUT BEFORE INSTALLATION.



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PICK POCKET Stash and stow documents in style with these cozy felt pockets, *left*. First decide what size pocket you want based on your storage needs, then purchase a weighty 3-millimeter-thick felt (craft felt won't support the weight of files and folders). Pin the downloaded pocket pattern to the felt before cutting it out (A). Fold the straight flap toward the middle to create the bottom of the pocket, then fold in the left and right curved flaps. Using a needle and embroidery floss, secure all three flaps together by forming an X using an embroidery backstitch. Insert a grommet (or two depending on size of pocket) near the top of the pocket with a grommet tool. Hang pockets from flat surfaces using Command hooks.



PREVENT GAPPING BY
CUTTING A NOTCH IN
THE WORK SURFACE TO
ACCOMMODATE THE
BOOKCASE FRAME.

FOR RESOURCES SEE PAGE 108.



SUPPORTING PART

Determine whether you want a table- or counter-height desk and choose your decorative leg length accordingly, *opposite*. Using wood screws, secure to wall studs a support board that spans the length of the shelf-turned-desktop at your desired height minus the desktop's thickness. (The top of the support should be even with the top of the leg.) Attach a second desktop support to the side of the bookcase. Conceal the hardware by starting the screws inside the unit. To attach the leg, flip over the desktop and position the top of the leg 2 inches in from the corner. Screw in place diagonally through the leg and into the desktop. Turn the desktop right side up and set it on top of the supports, *left*. Secure with screws, drilling upward from the bottom of the support.

DESK JOB A petite storage-desk combo works when office space is scarce. Smart organization and a consistent color scheme of gray and brass keep this open storage from looking cluttered. Pendant lighting brings brightness without taking up limited surface space, and the decorative desk leg adds a subtle dash of color.

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