

Weekend Project

curved-front Bookcase

A simple design that offers a lot of storage in just a little space.

As much as I enjoy a challenge, I have to admit that every now and then it's nice to build a simple, straightforward project. And with its clean lines and basic design, that's exactly what this bookcase is.

The construction is also straightforward. It uses quick-connect fasteners, so there's no complicated joinery to deal with. And it's made almost entirely out of plywood, so you don't have to spend a lot of time gluing up solid-wood panels.

But in spite of its simplicity, this project will still throw you a curve — two curves, in fact. If you take a look at the photo, you'll see that the sides of the bookcase have a graceful curve along the front edge.

While these curves add visual appeal to the bookcase, they create a challenge when it comes to edging the plywood. Here again, the solution is simple — flexible, iron-on edge banding (photo below).

Iron-on edge banding is fast and easy to apply, even to the curved edges of the bookcase sides. See page 21 for more details.

