

# glass-panel Display Cabinet

You won't believe how quickly this project can be built. The key is simple, traditional joinery.

Showing off is just what this cabinet is all about. And there are enough interesting details that made it jump to the top of the list of projects that I wanted to build.

Now most people will admire the objects displayed in the "glassed-in" upper section. Or how the cabinet offers both "hidden" and open storage. And the fact that it has a small footprint means you can tuck it in just about anywhere, giving it a lot of versatility. But woodworkers will take notice of the details and straightforward construction that makes this cabinet a stand-out.

**FRAME AND PANEL.** Just because a project is compact in size doesn't mean you can skimp on strength. So the case is made up of strong yet lightweight frame and panel assemblies. And except for a few mortises, all the joinery can be cut on the table saw.

**ADDED DETAILS.** The other things I want to mention right off the bat have to do with a few details that keep the cabinet from looking too boxy. Starting at the bottom, the cabinet rests on legs that raise it off the floor. This and a gentle arch in each lower rail keep it from looking bottom heavy.

The second detail is a stopped chamfer to ease the corners of the frames. Finally, at the top, I used a pre-made cove molding to add one last eye-catching detail.

