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## H&G DECORATING



# Ask an expert DISPLAY SHELVES

Interiors editor *Kate Nixon* on how to create a setting for storing and showing off pieces.



The fine art of display begins with the right shelving. Whether you're after something traditional or contemporary, integrated or freestanding, purchased off the shelf or a custom commission, the style of your storage is just as important as the objects it displays. Custom cabinetry offers limitless options and possibilities, but even a ready-made set of shelves can be a statement piece, setting the tone of a space with your choice of profile, scale and materials. Modular systems are growing in popularity, and for good reason – they combine convenience and flexibility for a personalised result. Send decor questions (with name and address) to H&G Advice, GPO Box 4088, Sydney, NSW 1028, or email [H&G@bauer-media.com.au](mailto:H&G@bauer-media.com.au).

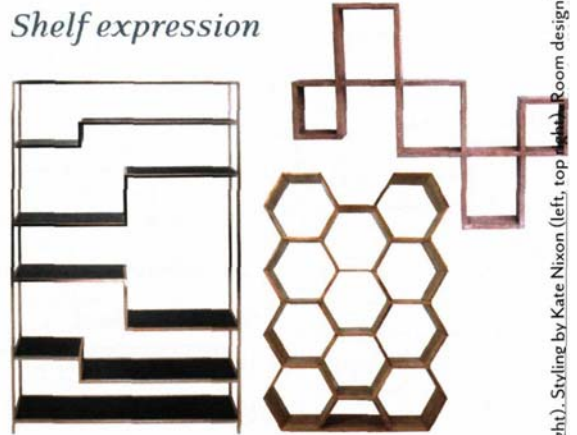
### Fresh ideas and easy updates

- ✦ For classic symmetry, consider using a pair of matching shelves to frame a doorway, desk or sofa.
- ✦ Repurpose building materials for industrial creations; floorboards and angle brackets have great potential.
- ✦ Look for a mix of materials that will provide a fresh take on a classic design, such as steel, glass and stone.
- ✦ Transform an old bookcase with paint. Try a chic shade from Annie Sloan's Chalk Paint range ([anniesloan.com](http://anniesloan.com)).



Consider whether you want your open shelves to stand out or blend in with the background.

### Shelf expression



FROM LEFT Modernist timber and steel **bookcase** (1.3x2m), \$1299, Freedom; [freedom.com.au](http://freedom.com.au). Honeycomb timber **bookcase** (1.1x1.7m), \$1849, Oz Design Furniture; [ozdesignfurniture.com.au](http://ozdesignfurniture.com.au). Geometric timber **shelf** (1.3x1.1m), \$550, Orson & Blake; [orsonandblake.com.au](http://orsonandblake.com.au).

### OR TRY THESE...

**Jardan:** Handcrafted shelving in mix-and-match modules; [jardan.com.au](http://jardan.com.au). **Brosa:** Classic and mid-century profiles in an array of finishes; [brosa.com.au](http://brosa.com.au). **Max Sparrow:** Pick from industrial chic, French Provincial and a touch of Hollywood Regency glam; [maxsparrow.com.au](http://maxsparrow.com.au). **HI Pages:** A good resource guide for finding a cabinetmaker; [homeimprovementpages.com.au](http://homeimprovementpages.com.au).

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