

Home Storage

made simple



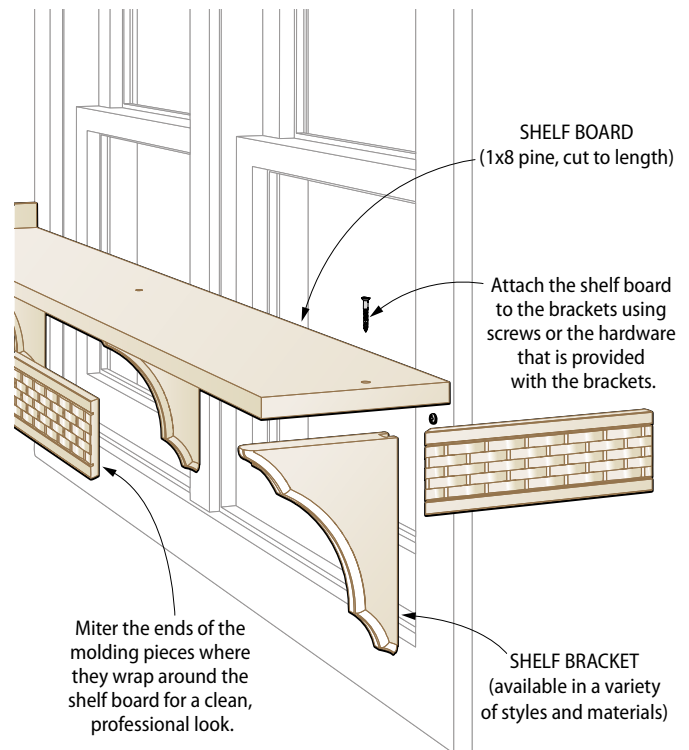
Window Display Shelf

On the following pages you'll find step-by-step instructions, photos, and illustrations that you can use to create this display shelf. For more information about this project, see *Home Storage Made Simple*.



create a window shelf

- First, determine your shelf's length. We attached our shelf brackets directly to the window trim and planned the shelf's length accordingly. If your window trim has a curved profile that won't allow the backs of your brackets to rest flat against it, you could attach the brackets to the wall just outside of the trim instead.
- Now cut your shelf board to length. Then you're ready to cut the molding pieces to length. You'll need to make miter cuts to get clean joints at the corners of the window shelf (*Photo 1*).
- If you're using molding with a repeating pattern, try to line up the pattern at the corner joints as well as you can. To do so, cut the front edging piece first, and then cut the side pieces to match up with it.
- Now attach the molding pieces to the shelf board. You may want to set a spacer under the board before you begin assembly. The spacer will offer some flexibility as you line up the molding since the pieces won't have to be perfectly flush with the board's edges.
- Apply adhesive, and set the molding in place on the board (*Photo 2*). For extra security as the adhesive sets up, you can clamp the pieces to the board.
- Sand the shelf after the adhesive has dried, and then stain or paint it. You can also sand, and then paint or stain your wood brackets now.
- Next, measure from the bottom or top edge of the trim on each side of the window, and mark the screw holes (*Photo 3*). Depending on the type of shelf brackets you've chosen, you'll either drive the screws through the brackets' holes, or drive screws into the trim and hang the brackets on them.
- With the brackets in place, you'll just need to attach the shelf. Center the shelf on the brackets, and then drive in screws to secure it.



Resources

All available from [Lowes.com](#)

- 8'-long 1x8 Select Pine Board #1161
- 2½" x 8' Whitewood Chair Rail (basket weave) #105677
- 8' Raw Whitewood Molding (rope) #161633
- 8' Raw Whitewood Molding (dentil) #107545
- 6" x 8" Pine Shelf Bracket #233268
- Sterling 8" Metal Iron Daisy Shelf Bracket #16981
- Real Organized Prussian Gold Rope Brackets #262450
- Loctite Power Grab Adhesive, #185445

how it's made



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