



## YOUR GUIDE TO: FLOATING SHELVES

### TIME

Weekend Project

### SKILL LEVEL

Easy

### BUDGET

Under \$100

## MATERIALS

Quantities may be different  
depending on the size of your shelves.

2 1in x 8in x 8ft pine boards

4 .5in x 2in x 4ft hobby boards

2 .875in x 8ft dentil trim moulding

1.5in-2in wood screws

Wood glue

Paint or stain

Electric drill

Miter saw (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure your space. Map out the length of each piece and the angles where the shelves will meet.

2. Cut the base of your shelves. If your shelves meet at any point, decide if you want to have a miter joint or a simple butt joint. If you use a butt joint, you can have the folks at the hardware store make the cuts for you.

*TIP: If you are using a miter saw, set your saw at whatever angle you need subtracted from 90 degrees. So if you need a 46 degree cut, set your saw to 44 degrees.*

3. Cut the trim and back pieces of your shelves to length.

4. Glue the back pieces to the base of the shelves. You can secure them to the back of the base or on top of the base depending on your needs.

5. Secure with wood screws when dry.

6. Glue trim to the front of each shelf.

7. Once the glue has dried, paint or stain your shelves to your liking.

*TIP: If you're using stain, be conservative with your wood glue. If glue dries elsewhere on the shelf, the stain won't cover it and will be very noticeable.*

8. Let dry overnight.

9. Using a stud finder, mark the studs in the wall where the shelves will hang.

10. Drill two pilot holes through the shelf and into each stud. Secure with wood screws.

11. Arrange your books and tchatchkes as needed!