

# DreamShelf™ Instruction Manual

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Thank you for purchasing your DreamShelf™ bookshelf. I hope that your children enjoy theirs as much as mine did in the prototyping and creation phase.

Please take special note of the hints provided within the installation instructions as they will greatly assist in the longevity and durability this custom bookcase. As always, please reach out with any questions, suggestions, or requests for assistance.

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## BEFORE PROCEEDING

**Make sure you have received everything in this checklist. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or additional needs:**

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## CHECKLIST:

### Bookshelf Components

- 1x Front panel (Label: A)
- 3x Pre-assembled shelves (Labels: B,C,D)
- 2x Bookshelf side panels (Labeled L/R with art on one or both!)

### Supplied Hardware

- 43x 1.25" Pocket Screws \*^
- 4x wooden dowels (others are pre-installed)
- 1x Square bit
- 1x UV Flashlight (for nighttime fun and amplifying the effects)

\*Do not use screws any longer than 1.25" or you will penetrate the wood!

^Do not over tighten the screws. Simply make sure that they are snug. (I use a 2 or 3 power on my 10 power drill)

**You Will Need:** A drill

*Pocket Screw*



*Dowel*



*Square Bit (used with drill)*



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**Step 1:** Begin with putting the faceplate and shelves together. Start with attaching shelf B to the faceplate (A). Seat the dowels from B into the dowel holes of A.

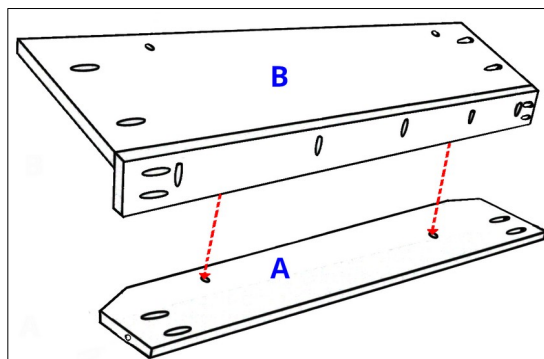


Figure 1: Faceplate-to-Shelf (B - A) Installation

**Step 2:** Press the shelf so that it is flush with the faceplate and screw in 5 of the pocket screws using the square bit provided in the hardware box. Do not over tighten the screws. It is highly recommended that you install the screws in in this order:

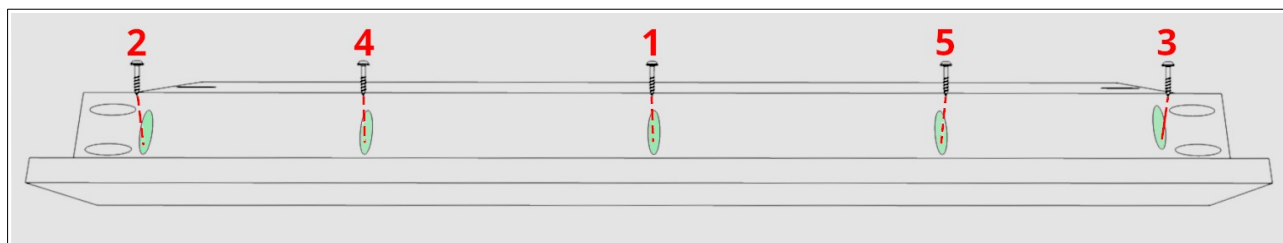


Figure 2: Recommended Screw-In Order

**Step 3:** Proceed with screwing together the remaining shelves:

- \* Shelf C into Shelf B
- \* Shelf D into Shelf C

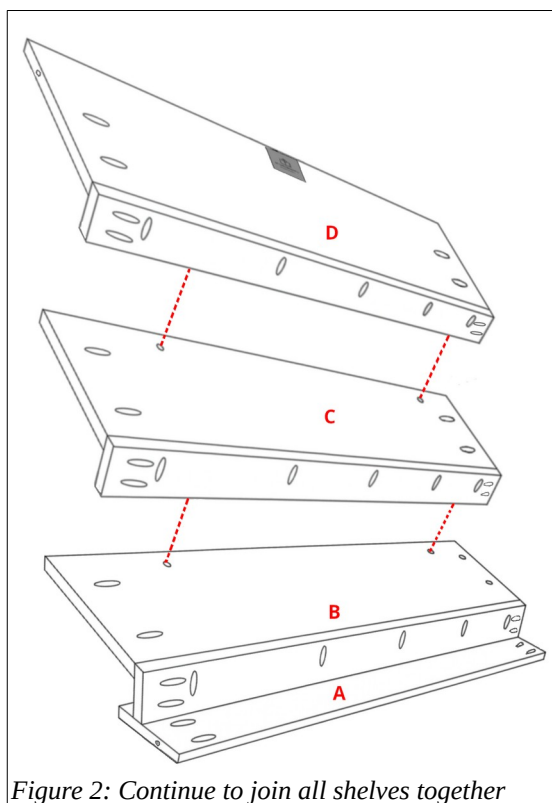


Figure 2: Continue to join all shelves together

**Step 4:** Install the dowels on both sides of Shelf D and faceplate A. Tap them in lightly to ensure they are fully seated inside the holes. (The shelves here are shortened for viewing purposes.)

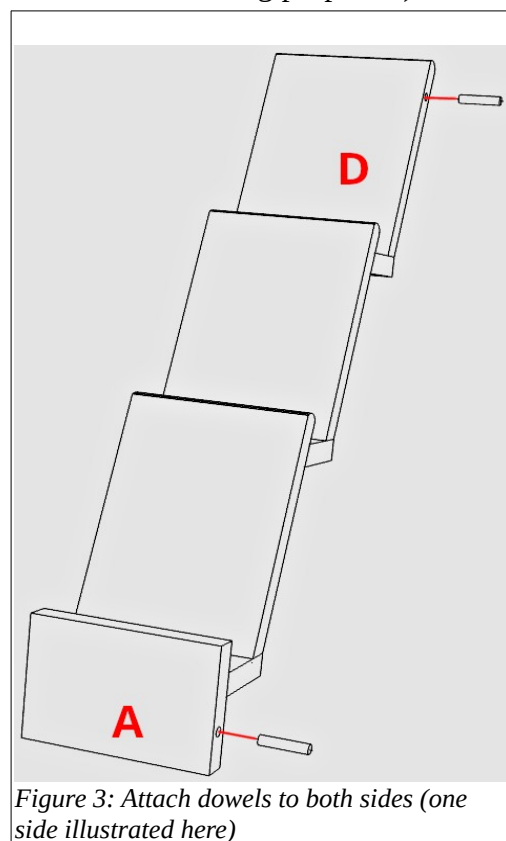


Figure 3: Attach dowels to both sides (one side illustrated here)

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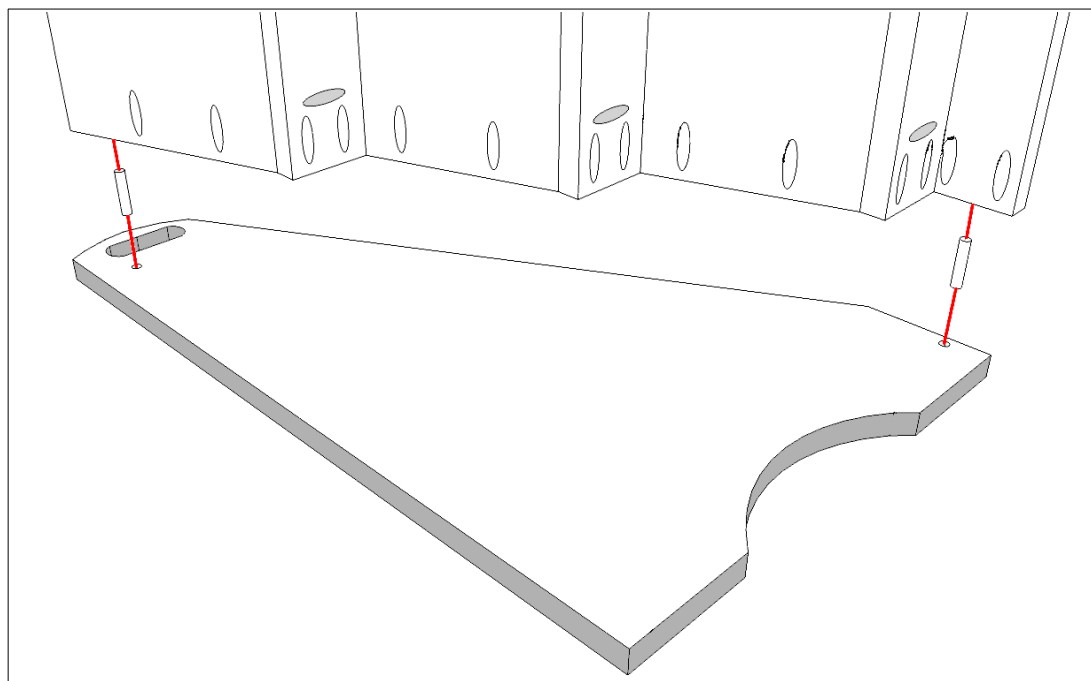
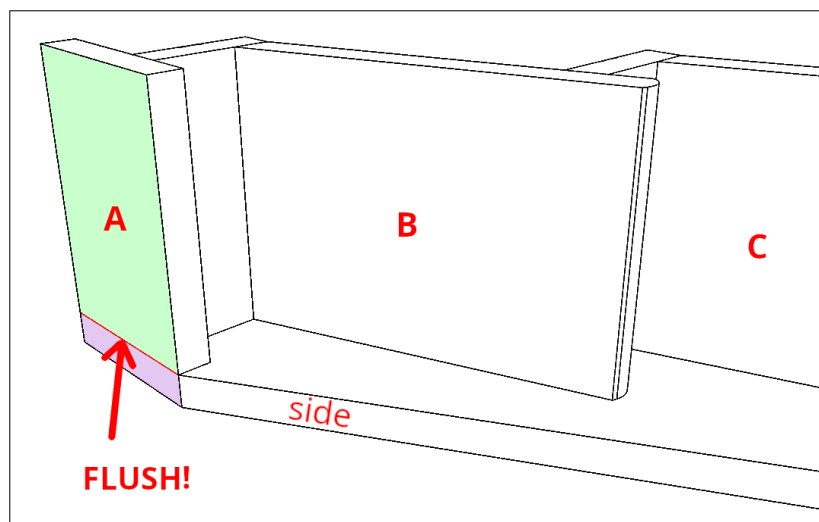


Figure 4: Shelves inserted using dowels as guides

**Step 5:** Choose either the left or right side to begin shelf to side assembly. Lay your bookshelf art-side down on a protected surface (rug, carpet, etc). Carefully guide the dowels from the shelf side into the guide holes on the bookshelf side. This will assist with keeping the shelves in place while screwing.



## BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO FASTEN THE SCREWS

Always begin with securing the faceplate screws first and only do so after making sure that the faceplate edges are flush with the bookshelf sides before screwing in!

Due to the handmade nature of the bookshelf the alignment may be a little off. Use a little bit of muscle to ensure that the leading edge of the side is flush to the faceplate (A).

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**Step 6:** Make sure that both dowels stay within their holes during the screwing process and begin with the faceplate screws (14 per side!).

Do not over tighten! (I suggest using 10/20% of the total power of the drill to get the screws mostly in and then hand tighten the rest). You want to avoid stripping the wood within the screw hole.

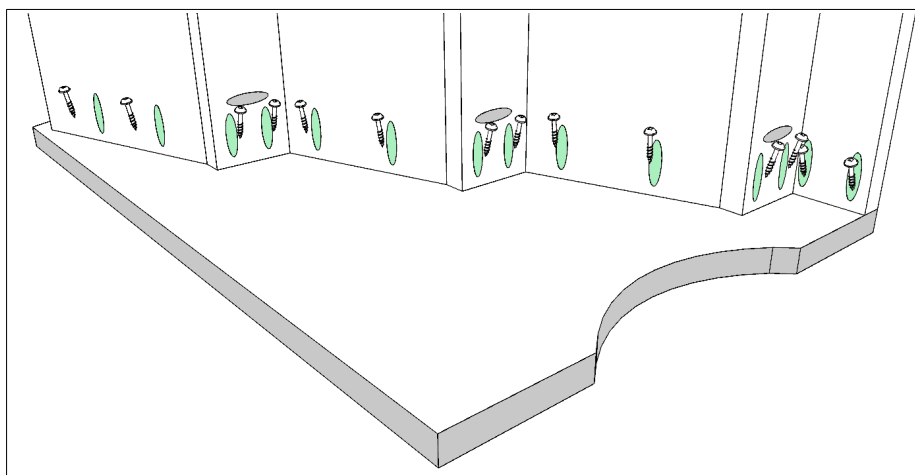
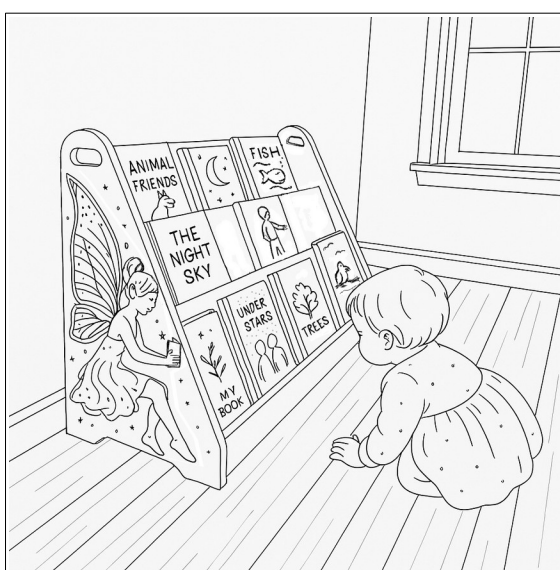


Figure 5: Shelves anchored into place with supplied pocket screws.

**Step 7:** Move up the the shelves until you complete the first side. Once done, you can begin preparation with the second side using the same approach.

It may be easiest to do the faceplate on the other side in the same manner as the first side and then have the bookshelf sit upright for the remainder of the screwing.

**Step 8:** Place the shelf in an area that gets sunlight so that the art can charge up during the day. The bookshelf should be set against the wall to prevent tipping!



**Step 9:** Use the provided UV flashlight to charge up the art if you can't wait or if it's already dark.