



Once all the moldings were formed, it was time to cut and assemble the shelves. Mitering the shelf frame moldings, I made all the shelves 4" deep but in lengths of 8" and 12". I pinned the mitered corners but glued the plywood to the frames. The cleat moldings were cut to length and glued to the shelves. My last step was to finish the shelves with three coats of linseed oil — no shellac. It's very easy to retouch if required.

### Mounting the Wall Moldings

While you'll modify the measurements of this system to suit your needs, please consider that your wall moldings should be created in multiples of 16" lengths. This will match the 16" on-center studs in your walls. My wall moldings are 48" long, so they crossed three adjacent studs per molding. I secured them with 2" finish nails. Starting with the lowest rail, I used a full-length spacer in the

molding's rabbet to properly locate the next molding up. If you want even more strength, it is OK to use construction adhesive, too.

Now our wall is nicely decorated, and our bowls and knickknacks have a home. And this time out I built a much nicer unit, for considerably less than the catalog version! Whew.

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