

All in One

Putting together favorite features

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This piece is a synthesis of the features of many pieces that I have liked—scalloped sides, a hutch top, library shelves with small drawers, etc. It's designed to be used either in a library-type setting for books and the like, or hung over a sideboard in a dining room.

The case is dovetailed together, top and bottom. But scallop the sides first and then cut dados for the shelves and the top facing piece. The molding is then mitered and nailed and glued on. Then the dividers are sized and dovetails are cut at either end and the case notched for them.

The drawers have a 1/4-inch thumbnail on the face. They are dovetailed in the front and shouldered on the back. The bottom fits into the grooves in the sides and the front, and is nailed to the back.

