



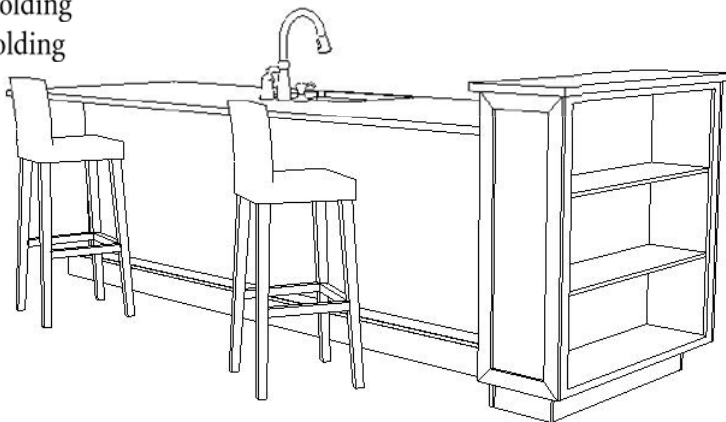
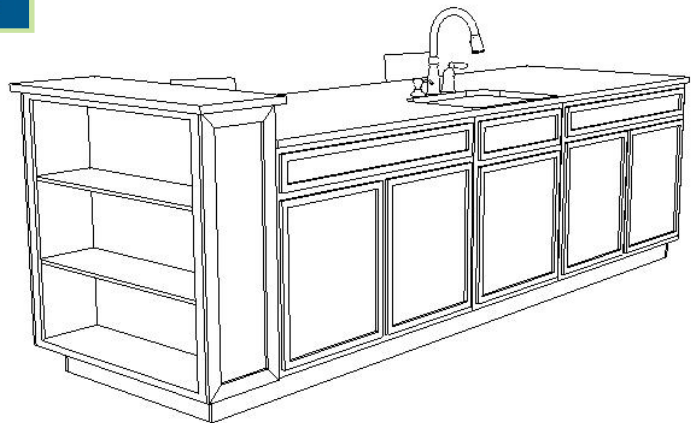
# KITCHEN ISLAND WITH BOOKCASE

One of the challenges in the kitchen is to find a place to keep everything you need and use on a regular basis. Every good cook will keep some cook books around for reference, and what better way to store them than to add a book case in the kitchen. I found this picture of a kitchen and really liked the way they laid out their island. With the sink in the island, and plenty of countertop space to work on, having all of your cookbooks within easy reach is a natural fit. This is really easy to accomplish using our RTA cabinets (easier than you would think).

How big or small you want the island and how you will configure the layout, will depend on the size of your kitchen, but the overall design will remain the same. Here are some simple instructions on how to get the same look for your kitchen using our RTA cabinets.

## Supplies You Will Need from the RTA Cabinet Store

- ✓ One 30" wide x 36" high (or 42" high) wall cabinet
- ✓ The picture shows three base cabinets to accommodate a sink, but you could easily substitute two larger base cabinets. For scale purposes, the image shows two 30" base cabinets, and one 24" base cabinet
- ✓ Two decorative wall end panels (these are optional and would depend on the size of the wall cabinet above)
- ✓ Four 8' pieces of toe kick
- ✓ Three island panels (this is based off of the width of the island, one will be used for the sides of the book case)
- ✓ One piece of corner molding
- ✓ One piece of scribe molding
- ✓ Three 8 foot 2x4's



## Instructions to Build Kitchen Island with Bookcase

Step 1: Install all of the base cabinets.

Step 2: Build a support platform. In order to support the wall cabinet and give it the look of a custom base cabinet, you will have to build a platform to support it. Build a frame out of 2x4's that is 30" wide and 9" deep, laying the 2x4's flat. To get the true height of the toe kick, it requires three layers of framing.

Step 3: Attach platform to end of the island by securing it directly to the side of the base cabinet

Step 4: Install wall cabinet on top of the platform by securing it directly to the side of the base cabinet.

Step 5: Take one of the island panels and cut it in two pieces. These will be used for the sides of the wall cabinet to cover up the toe kick and bring the sides flush with the face frame of the base cabinets. This piece will have to be notched out at the bottom to follow the profile of the cabinet and the platform.

Step 6: Depending on the overall width of your island, cut the island panels to size, so that you can cover up the back of the cabinets and the oven unit(s). You can either go with one seam or two seams, depending on the look that you are going for. If you are going with one seam in the middle, you may have to add a small support strip to attach the paneling to. If you go with two seams, you could position the seams over the edge of the two base cabinets to have something to secure it to.

Step 7: Toe Kick - Cut the toe kick down to size and cover all four sides of the island and the bottom of the book case.

Step 8: Trim - Once the toe kick is installed, cut the corner molding down to size to cover up the outside edges on the back of the island (should be roughly 30.5"). Next, cut the scribe molding and use it to cover up the seam(s).

Step 9: Install decorative doors on both sides of the book case. You can also add one decorative base end panel to the other end of the island if you wanted to continue the decorative look (this is optional).

Note: While it is not displayed in the picture, you may wish to add decorative doors to the back side of the island. This is optional, but would give more detailing and add to the customized look.

Once that is done, you are ready for countertop installation. While this is a simple project, it will add a customized look to your kitchen.

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