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STORAGE IDEA

Stacked sideways

■ How do you store the most CDs, records, and video and cassette tapes in a limited space? Stack them in pullout bins that are accessible from the side. Charles Prowell applied this strategy to a family room. His solution takes advantage of a 28-inch-deep alcove next to the fireplace, providing more than twice the storage space of conventional shelving.

The design stacks shelf units made from 3/4-inch veneered plywood. Mounted on heavy-duty extension glides, the bins easily roll in and out. Semicircular holes cut in the fir end-panels serve as handles. When not in use, the 10 bins store out of sight behind a pair of tall fir doors mounted on European-style hinges.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: Charles Prowell Woodworks, Sebastopol, CA (707/823-8013 or www.prowell.com/woodworks)

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THE BINS ROLL forward for easy access to tapes and CDs.



TABLEWARE



Bureaucratic glass

■ Thirty thousand pounds of textured glass from a government building in Seattle has been recycled by Bedrock Industries into a handsome line of dinnerware, including everything from coasters to dinner plates and serving platters. Examples are a 4-inch-square candle holder (\$12.50), an 8-inch-square hors d'oeuvres tray (\$25), and a 12-inch-square serving platter (\$46). (206) 283-7625 or www.bedrock-ind.com. — P.O.W.



TOOL NEWS

A workbench for your laddertop

■ The Tool Topper workstation is like having an extra set of hands on top of a ladder. The 16- by 22-inch unit contains slots for hand tools, trays for those little screws that inevitably tumble to the floor, a paper-towel holder, hooks, and a broad work area. Detachable accessories—a paint roller tray and a case for holding extra tools—are included. The fully assembled unit will fit any ladder and requires no tools for installation. \$39.95 plus \$7 for shipping and handling. (877) 867-7373 or www.tooldopper.com. — P.O.W.

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