



BOKNÄS[®]
Traditional craftsmanship

The history of stackable bookcases

An American businessman Henry C. Yeiser set up a furniture factory called The Globe Files Co in Cincinnati in 1882. The factory started manufacturing office and filing furniture. In about the same time, a furniture factory called The Wernicke Co was set up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A few years later The Wernicke Co designed a bookcase, which consisted of different sized glass cabinet components.



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By stacking these components on top of and beside one another, you could create different wholes.

Henry C. Yeiser got interested in this design and bought The Wernicke Co factory. With the new owner, the factory was renamed The Globe Wernicke Co. In December 1892 Henry C. Yeiser patented this unique bookcase design. This bookcase design was a huge success and aroused great interest also in Europe. By the end of the 19th century, an English furniture manufacturer Thomas Turner started marketing the design in England. The company was named The Globe Wernicke Co Ltd. In time, The Globe Wernicke Co also expanded to Canada, France, Belgium and Austria.

With the designs great success several other furniture manufacturers got interested in the product and started to manufacture similar designs. The most notable of these in Europe were: Shannon Registrator, Minty and Gunn in England; Aug. Zeiss & Co (later Zeiss Union) and Soennecken in Germany and Lingel in Hungary.



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In Finland, Billnäs Bruk Aktiebolag started manufacturing American style office furniture in 1909. A significant part of this product line was the Globe Wernicke bookcase design. Billnäs Bruk merged with Oy Fiskars Ab on the 1st of January 1959, but continued to manufacture furniture under the name Billnäs Bruk. The making of American style office furniture ended in the late '60s and the furniture factory was closed down in 1970.



THE GLOBE WERNICKE Co, Cincinnati USA.

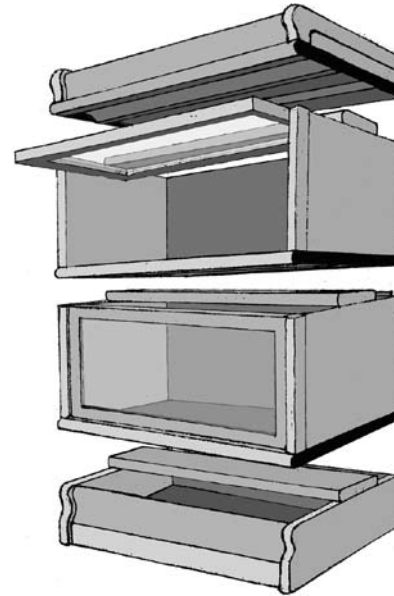
Stackable bookcases today

These traditions are carried on in Boknäs bookcases. Manufacturing of these bookcases begun in the autumn of 1991. They are crafted honoring the carpentry traditions, so that new becomes a part of the old. Boknäs bookcases can be used with the original American bookcases as well as with the original bookcases manufactured by Billnäs Bruk.

We have also created new parts for the bookcases suitable for the modern needs. These include doors that are easily detachable, corner parts and bases with hidden drawers.

New products are added to the Boknäs line every year, partly because of our own ambitions and partly because of the wishes of our customers.

As a great friend of books, I'm very pleased that our bookcases have become so popular among furnishers and booklovers, also outside Finland.



Ingenious solution

Creating a Boknäs bookcase solution is very simple. Ready assembled units are placed on top and/or next to each other. That is all. You may extend and modify the combination as you need.



Seppo Salmevaara
Managing director

Boknäs® is a Finnish trademark owned by the Boknäs Furniture Ltd. The Boknäs products have been manufactured in Estonia since 1991 using traditional methods, and they are sold in most European countries.

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Versatile solutions

You may choose display units with a glass door or wooden door. There is also an option to use chest of drawer unit. Internal shelves can be added freely.

Display cases and chest of drawer units are combatibly with base, leg base, base with drawer, square top, top and tv-deck.

With corner element it is possible to turn combinations around inner/outer corners. The back board of the bookcases is made of 9 mm birchply. Duct-work can be made for electronic appliances without weekening the structure.



Traditional materials

Boknäs bookcases are crafted from high quality birch and durable blockboard. They are made to last and represent a sound investment that will retain its value. The well fitting doors ensure that books and other valuable items do not collect dust.

Each shelf is carefully sanded down, then the surface is stained and given two coats of varnish (mahogany three coats). The result is a beautiful finish that is easy to keep clean.

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Practical and versatile

Boknäs bookcases are supplied as ready assembled units. Installation simply consists of arranging the modular units in the desired configuration. As a result the modules can be used to create shelving just as you want it, from a small bookcase in the hallway to an entire wall in the library. The standard units are 87 cm wide, but smaller ones can be made by special order.

The bookcase units are available in two heights: 31 and 36 cm. Also available are a display case (height 47 cm), internal shelf, wooden door, 12cm drawer unit, desk unit, bar unit and sliding shelf unit to give you even more varied arrangements.

When a bookcase is opened, the door lifts and slides easily into the top of the case. The doors are easily detachable for cleaning.

The classical brass knob adds a stylish finishing touch.

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Special corner piece

Boknäs corner piece helps you to build your shelves round the corner from one wall to the next and use the corner space effectively. This gives even greater variety in the arrangements that are possible.

The corner pieces are available in heights of 31, 36 and 47 cm and are stacked up in the same way as the bookcase units. Allow 42,5 cm in both directions for the corner pieces.

The 31 and 36 cm high units have a door that slides easily into the top of the unit when opened and can also be removed.

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Boknäs bookcases are available in different colours:

- natural birch -01
- beech brown -02
- dark brown -03
- mahogany -04
- black -05
- grey -07
- white -08
- green -09
- blue -10



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Boknäs bookcase elements

10-	31 cm bookcase with glass door	ext. height 31 cm
11-	31 cm bookcase w. wooden door	ext. depth 31 cm int. height 25 cm int. depth 24,5 cm
12-	36 cm bookcase with glass door	ext. height 36 cm
13-	36 cm bookcase w. wooden door	ext. depth 31 cm int. height 30 cm int. depth 24,5 cm
14-	47 cm bookcase with glass door	ext. height 47 cm
15-	47 cm bookcase w. wooden door	ext. depth 39 cm int. height 38 cm int. depth 34 cm
37-	12 cm drawer unit	ext. height 12 cm ext. depth 31 cm
120-	bar unit	ext. height 36 cm ext. depth 31 cm
130-	Desk unit	ext. height 36 cm ext. depth 31 cm
150-	slide unit	ext. height 134 cm ext. depth 31 cm
31-	47 cm chest of drawers	ext. height 47 cm ext. depth 39 cm
20-	Small top	height 8,5 cm
19-	Small base	height 17,5 cm
200-	Square top, small	height 7 cm
190-	Leg base, small	height 10 cm
22-	Top for display case	height 8,5 cm
21-	Base for display case	height 17,5 cm
220-	Square top for display case	height 7 cm
210-	Leg base for display case	height 10 cm
35-	Small base with drawer	height 17,5 cm
36-	Base with drawer for display case	height 17,5 cm
25-	TV-deck for display case	height 2 cm
26-	Plain deck for display case	height 2 cm
23-	Internal shelf 31/36 cm	
24-	Internal shelf for display case	

Overall width 87 cm. Internal width 81 cm.
Smaller widths available to order.

Measures in full centimeters.
We reserve the right to alter specifications at any time.

Corner elements:

53-	31 cm corner element
52-	36 cm corner element
57-	47 cm corner element
50-	47 cm corner element + base
58-	12 cm corner drawer element
54-	Small top corner element
55-	Small base corner element
51-	Plain deck for 47 cm corner element
56-	Top for 47 cm corner element Wooden door for 31 cm corner element Wooden door for 36 cm corner element

Outer shelf elements:

72-	Outer shelf element 31 cm
71-	Outer shelf element 36 cm
70-	Outer shelf element 47 cm
78-	Outer shelf element 12 cm
74-	Small top for outer shelf
73-	Small base for outer shelf
77-	Deck for outer shelf
76-	Display case top for outer shelf
75-	Display case base for outer shelf

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Bookcases:

- Modular design for easy installation
- Many different arrangements to fit any room
- Eight colours, three sizes
- Doors are close-fitting for good dust protection
- Door slides conveniently into case
- Doors are easily detached for cleaning
- Lock is available for bookcase elements





Modern black

By choosing different bookcase colour, top and base unit or colour of the side slats the look will change from classical to modern.





Without creating new, you can not honor the traditions

Boknäs solution is more than just a bookcase. New products and features are invented every year to meet our customers needs today. Therefore our tradition will continue.

Nowadays high bookcase can be replaced with a desk unit including two drawers, A4 and A5 pigeonholes and secret compartment. Desk unit is also practical surface for your lap-top and creates a compact home office.

Pc-desk is designed to adapt computer and the home environment. Middle drawer space contains a pull-out shelf for the keyboard which can be locked in the open position. There are auxiliary pull-out tops on each side at the same level. and the side drawers are large enough to take A4-size paper. Middle drawer is available by the order.

Small and Medium size front roll filing cabinets will hide your paper and equipments nicely. They are perfect for computer, hi-fi and archive use. You may choose three different shelf options: a fixed shelf, a pull-out shelf and pull-out filing shelf. All attachable to the desired level. Cabinets can be locked and casters for easy mobility. Back board is easy to detach when installing wires.





A classic Boknäs® desk makes work a pleasure

Crafted to traditional desing, Boknäs desks are both stylish and practical. The desks are stained and varnished and are available in beech brown and dark brown. The writing top is green simulated leather.

Roll top desk has 8 drawers and 2 pull-out surfaces. You may lock the roll top and it has shelves for A4 and A5 papers and one drawer. Middle drawer is able to replace with optional keyboard-deck. Desk without roll top is also available in two sizes (76 cm x 140 cm) and (90 cm x 180 cm).

Boknäs chairs complete your working space. All models have contoured seats and comfortable design. Office chair has a swivel mechanism, adjustable height and antistatic casters.



Boknäs bookmill and mini-bookcase offer big solutions in a small space

The revolving Boknäs bookmill contains 6,5 metres of shelf space so it is ideal for anyone who needs to have a large number of books close at hand, or for use as a complete library for the small family.

Coffee table (100 cm x 50 cm) has a matching look with bookmill and mini-bookcase.





Mini-bookcase is ideal for reader's corner, night stand or as a side table. It offers 2,3 metres of shelf space and it is easy to move with 4 casters.

CD/DVD Mini-bookcase is measured for efficient storage of entertainment.





Boknäs dining table is part of the decoration

Dining table can be adjusted to suit your occasion. You can extend it to make room for more people, for everyday use or for festive occasions. Extending mechanism is synchronised. Basic size is 105 cm x 206 cm and when extended 105 cm x 293 cm.

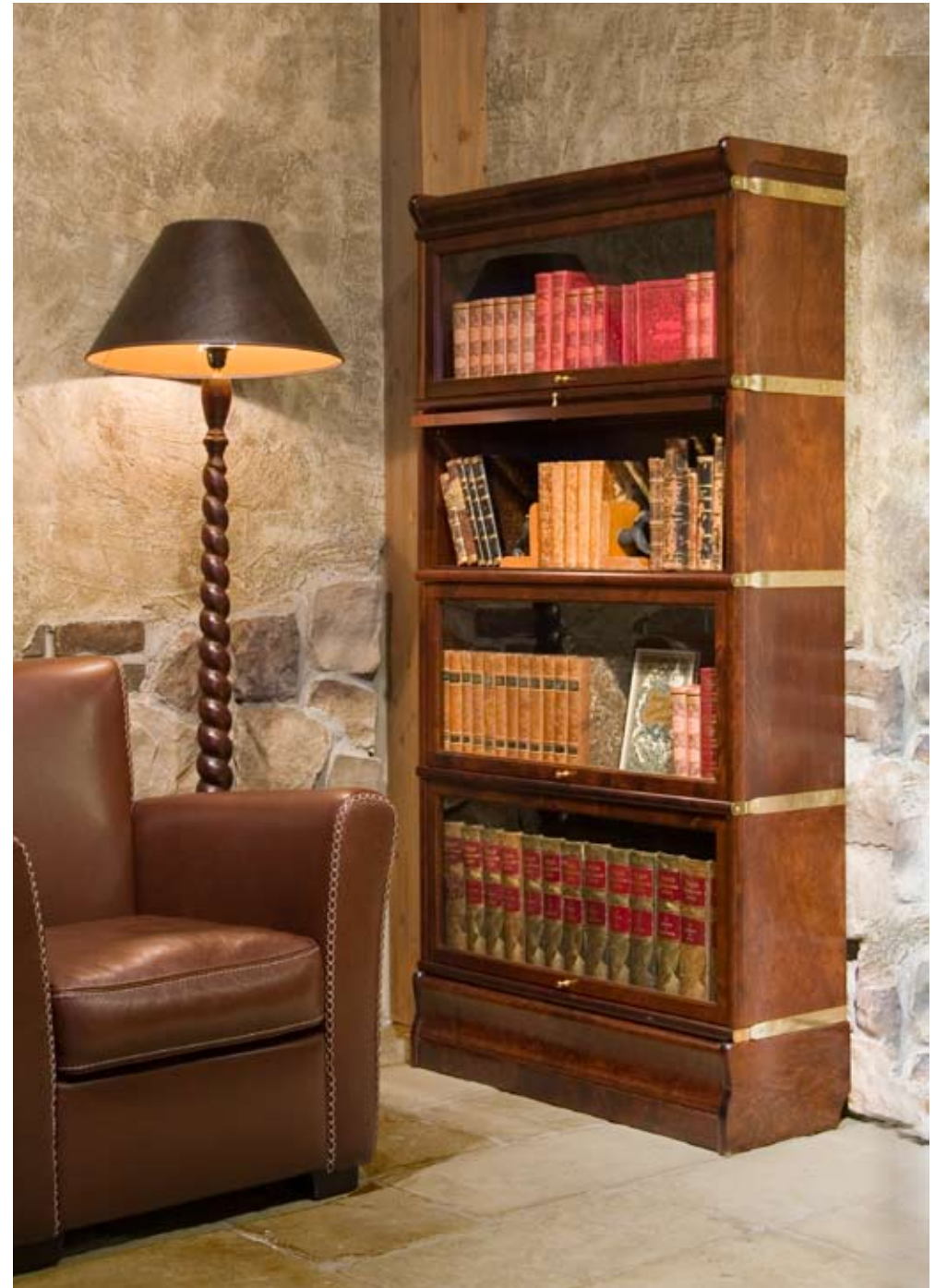
For the chair you may choose dining chair or side chair.



Side chair
birch, contoured seat.
seat height 45 cm,
overall height 93,5 cm.



Dining chair
birch, contoured seat.
seat height 46 cm,
overall height 97,5 cm.



Sliding shelf unit is a new and handy way to store a large collection of cd/dvd. This unit is measured to replace 2 high and 2 low bookcases. Therefore it can be part of the larger bookcase combination. It can stand on its own when added top and base unit. Why not base unit with drawer if pleased?







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