

Double Sink Option

Connect two sink stands in a master bathroom with these simple wood shelves.

The sink stand in issue No. 117 of *Australian Woodsmith* is great for a small bathroom. But you can convert it for use in a master bathroom with double sinks. As you can see at right, it's just a series of shelves that span the gap between two sink stands.

The top and middle shelves are glued-up, solid-wood panels. The top shelf is notched on all four corners to fit around the legs of the sink stands. Just like the bottom shelf on the sink stand itself, the bottom shelf here is made up of narrower slats attached to cleats.

The top and bottom shelves are installed on stretchers that align with the stretchers on the sink stands (see detail 'a'). Between these two shelves is a middle shelf that rests above shelf supports installed in the sink stands' legs.

SIZING THE SHELVES. Before making the shelves, keep in mind that the size of the parts will vary based on your bathroom's layout. So take careful measurements before sizing the parts.

INSTALLATION. Once the parts are sized, however, installation is a breeze. As you can see at right, the stretchers have small spacer blocks screwed to the ends. After you attach these spacer blocks to the stretchers, all you have to do is align the shelf stretchers with the sink stand stretchers, as shown in detail 'a.' Then drive screws through the spacers and into the stand legs to secure them.

The top shelf simply slips in place between the sink stands, and the notches at the corners will keep it positioned properly in its opening. As for the bottom shelf, the slats are attached to two cleats following the same procedure that you used to install the shelf slats on the sink stand.

To add the middle shelf, carefully measure and lay out holes for shelf supports in the legs of the sink stand, as shown in detail 'a.' Then drill holes and install the supports. The middle shelf simply rests on the supports. **W**

