

## More than Bookcases

Look for opportunities where built-ins can enrich an otherwise ordinary part of your house. That's what was done with this passageway from a living room to a family room. What could have been just another stretch of wall became a substantial expression of the interior's architecture.

On the living room side are bookcases with cabinet storage below. Note how the curved niches above the cabinets repeat the passageway arch. Backing these shelves on the family room side are built-in cupboards. Together, the shelves and cupboards create a wall nearly 4 feet thick with paneled cladding.

If your home allows this type of treatment, consider making the shelves nonadjustable, as was done here. This eliminates unsightly holes or brackets and keeps shelving tidy. Design your unit to match other woodwork in your house.

