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COVETABLE BOOKCASE

GETTING YOUR PERSONAL COLLECTION (OF JUST ABOUT ANYTHING!) INTO ALPHABETICAL ORDER IS EFFORTLESS - AND FUN - WITH THE AAKKOSET BOOKCASE.



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Not only is the Aakkoset bookcase a totally original solution for a library of books or a store of CDs, it is also a highly covetable design item. In fact, it's so beautiful you could simply leave it empty and use it as a room divider.

Lincoln Kayiwa, who was born in Uganda but studied and now works in Helsinki, is the designer responsible for this clever creation. According to Lincoln, the design – named Aakkoset because it's the Finnish word for alphabet – was inspired by a Ugandan nursery rhyme that teaches children their ABCs.

It takes four weeks to make just one bookcase, a meticulous process that combines the latest manufacturing technology with fine traditional craftsmanship. In a nutshell, MDF is fed through a five-axis CNC router to cut out the letters. It is then thoroughly glued, pressed and primed before a rich paint job is first mechanically applied, and then finished by hand. Aakkoset is available in a variety of colours but, beware, it weighs in at a whopping 600kg.

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