

USA BOOKSHELF

Dawlish Avenue Houses, London, UK 2011

Storage as art

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Client Private
Cost Confidential
Project Stages Inception to Completion

“Good design can be as playful as it is functional,” says Andrei. This bookshelf of America was inspired by a piece of abstract art in which car registration plates from each state formed a map of America. It captures a birds-eye view of the continent, with lights recreating the glow emitted from urban areas as seen from the night’s sky.

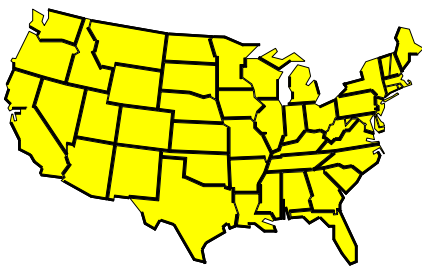
The design embraces a principle of organised chaos: it’s the use of this structure – one of recognisable shape and coherent form – that randomly determines its overall appearance.

48 Lower States are represented by the bookshelf in the main living area of the house, complete with a ‘scale bar’.

Alaska and Hawaii are used as towel hooks and shelves in the bathrooms.

- 1 - Shop drawing for manufacture - elevational view
- 2 - Alaska is used as a shelf in the bathroom on the top floor of the house
- 3 - Hawaii are used as towel hooks in the kids’ bathroom downstairs
- 4 - Nighttime view with built-in lights turned on
- 5 - View of the shelf in the main living area of the house

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