

# MK BOOKCASE SYSTEM - Design: Mogens Koch

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## DESCRIPTION

### MK Bookcase System

- The flexible MK Bookcase System consists of eight different modular units that can be used individually or combined as desired. All units can be either wall-mounted or placed on the floor using a plinth for an elegant finish and easy adjustability.
- All units, with the exception of the cabinet, are reversible so that the sections are either tall or wide. The basic, six-section unit, which can be set up so that the sections are either wide or tall depending on the dimensions of their contents, is a brilliant construction in its own right.
- Beautiful dovetail and rabbet joints lend the individual units strength and stability.

- Click here to see dimensions for all units and add-ons

- **MK Bookcase System: Units**

MK40880 Bookcase  
MK74180 ½Bookcase  
MK95800 ⅔Bookcase

MK98400 Deep Bookcase  
MK74181 Deep½Bookcase  
MK74182 Deep½Bookcase  
MK95801 Deep⅔Bookcase

MK88360 Cabinet

- **Add-ons for MK Bookcase System**

- Each unit can be customized (with the exception of MK74180 and MK74182) with add-on options such as shelves, partitions and trays.
- For a complete overview of compatible modules and add-ons, [please see here.](#)
- If the customer chooses to customize the unit with add-ons, the unit will be delivered with pre-drilled holes for mounting of extra shelves, trays and dividers-- also at a later stage.
- If the unit is ordered without add-ons such as shelves, trays and dividers, the unit does not come with pre-drilled holes, and therefore it will not be possible to add shelves, trays and dividers at a later stage.
- While it is possible to choose different types of wood and surfaces for the modules, the trays are always delivered in maple treated with white-pigmented lacquer.
- The cabinet is always supplied with pre-drilled holes so you can retrofit add-ons later.

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## HISTORY

- Seeking to develop a straightforward, universal solution to the challenge of everyday storage, Mogens Koch designed a bookcase system ingenious in its versatility, strength and elegant simplicity.
- Koch envisioned a concept so clear in its form and function that it could become quintessential: the Bookcase System for modern homes.
- Begun in 1928 and completed in 1932, Koch's solution remains in demand many decades later and has spawned countless reproductions far beyond Denmark's borders - a testament to the timelessness of his thoughtful vision.
- The MK Bookcase System has been in production for more than 80 consecutive years.

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## THE DESIGNER

**Mogens Koch**, who is especially known for his furniture classics such as **the bookcase system**

**(<http://www.youtube.com/embed/YcEYaEmxTcw?rel=0>)** and **the Folding programme**

**(<https://www.youtube.com/embed/sIJRzcLKq9Y?rel=0>)**, worked with Kaare Klint in 1925-30, and was professor at Kunstakademiet's Arkitektskole in Copenhagen in 1950-68. **Mogens Koch's** furniture design forms part of some of the most elegant and important solutions in terms of meeting the requirements to comfort, function and aesthetics and his furniture has been key to Rud. Rasmussen's production since 1932.

**Mogens Koch** worked within all aspects of architecture - housing plans, houses, monuments, furniture, textiles, silver and writing. **Mogens Koch's** works include only few objects but they are all essential, original and sometimes courageous or daring. There has always been special interaction

between **Mogens Koch's** own life and the furniture he designed. None of them came into existence as artistic manifestos but arose from a given assignment and were created for a particular purpose. Thus, his bookcase was at first designed for his private home in Hulgårdsvej near Bellahøj in Copenhagen.

The small rooms in people's houses required a flexible bookcase or cabinet and in 1928 he drew the first sketches for the square bookcase which in the relatively small module of 76 cm x 76 cm provided great and varied functional usage.

**Koch was awarded numerous honorable prizes** - amongst others the Eckersberg Medal (1938), the C. F. Hansen Medal (1963) and the ID Prize (1992)

Experience Mogens Koch's 1932 Folding Chair

[\(https://www.carlhansen.com/products/chairs/mk99200/\)](https://www.carlhansen.com/products/chairs/mk99200/)

Watch the making of the Folding Chair

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/sJJRzcLKq9Y?rel=0>

Watch the making of the Bookcase System

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/YcEYaEmxTcw?rel=0>

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## **VARIANTS CHOICES AND DIMENSIONS**

Dimensions

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## MATERIAL MATRIX

	Soap	Oil	White oil	Lacquer	Black paint
Oak	●	●	●	●	●
Walnut		●		●	

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## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Carl Hansen & Søn and sustainability

People's fascination of the combination of good design and wood, as well as other natural materials, is something that transcends time and fashion. At Carl Hansen & Søn, we believe that this fascination helps to explain the great interest in our furniture, and we take very seriously concerns about the sustainability of the natural resources upon which we depend for our products. That is why we strive every day to improve our production methods, logistics and sales efforts in respect of scarce natural resources.

We buy wood only from sustainably managed forests. All sourced wood meets EUTR 2013 regulations, Danish Forest Legislation and current international certifications. Oak, beech and ash come primarily from Danish forests which are managed according to the principles described in Denmark's National Forest Programme; some of these wood types are also sourced from other similarly managed European forests, or, in the case of walnut and cherry, North American forests.

We use every possible bit of these fine hardwoods in our furniture production. Inevitably, however, there are some scraps, which are then used to produce other products or recycled in district heating plants.

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## TESTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

All tests and certificates are available on request.

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