

Hale Barrister Bookcase Guide

Barrister bookcases are the perfect way to build your office or library the way you want it. Start with two receding door book sections and add a file cabinet section next year for a completely different configuration. Hale's beautiful sectional series allows your furniture to grow as your needs change.

There are no tools required to assemble your barrister bookcase! Each section has an interlocking rail on top extending across the full width, an accommodating groove on the bottom, and a tongue extending upward in the back in order to secure each piece together. The top (crown) and bottom (base) interlock in the same manner as the sectionals to assure a sturdy, perfectly-aligned case.

Hale offers a variety of finishes and options for creating your ideal custom bookcase. The basic design includes a base, sectional and crown. Here are some important steps to help you through your ordering process and buy the bookcase that's right for your home or office.

1. Choose the depth or design of your sectional.

Your first step should be identifying the space where your bookcase or filing cabinet will be. You want to make sure that the book or filing sectional you choose will fit in the space you have designated. It is important that you choose your size first because all of your sections will have the same corresponding depth or design. We have broken this step down into two parts the first for bookcase sectionals and the second for file cabinet sectionals.

a) When ordering a book sectional, choose Standard or Deep depth.

Hale's bookcase sections are available in both a standard and deep depth. Both options are perfect for storing all of your books and materials. The deep option is great for holding larger books. The width for both depth options is 34 ¼".

-The 300 Series standard depth is 11 ¼" and the deep sectional is 13 ¾".

-The 800 Series standard depth is 11 ½" and the deep sectional is 13 ½".

b) When ordering a file sectional, choose lateral or vertical.

The 300 Sectional Series also offers file cabinet sectionals. When building a file sectional stack, first choose between lateral and vertical rather than depth. Both designs offer the same 19 7/8" depth. The lateral file sectionals are 34 ¼" wide and are designed to be compatible with the 300 Series book sectionals using a crown adapter.

2. Choose a Crown (top).

Figure 1 - Standard Depth



Figure 2 - Extended Depth



Hale offers one style, square top to place on each sectional. When ordering your crown, be sure that you pick the correct standard or deep depth that you chose in step one.

3. Choose a Base.

Figure 3 - Square Leg Base Standard Depth



Figure 4 - Closed Box Base Standard Depth



Hale offers two distinct base designs including a Closed Box Base and a Square Leg Base. Similar to ordering a crown, be sure to pick a base with the correct depth that you decided on.

4. Choose a Door Style for the section. (300 Series bookcase sections only)

Hale offers a variety of different door styles for their 300 Series bookcase sectionals. Choose the same style for your whole sectional stack, or mix and match for a different look.



-The **receding glass door** comes standard on the 300 Sectional Series and is the only door option for the 800 Sectional Series. Receding door sections are preferred for books or materials that are continually referred to. Doors recede into the top of each section for full-width accessibility, while offering dust protection of materials when it is closed. The receding door includes a lacquered bronze knob and is equipped with an equalizer to keep the door from binding and allow for one-hand operation.



-For an all-wood appearance, replace the glass on a standard receding door sectional with a **raised panel door**. Available in all of the Oak, Walnut and Birch finishes, the raised panel option allows for variety when stacking with a glass door sectional. This option is machined to match the solid hardwood drawer fronts that are standard on the 300 Series file sectionals.



-The diamond-shaped design of the **beveled, leaded glass receding door** is reminiscent of majestic old windows in English manor houses. (Available with standard depth only)



-The **double door** option replaces the standard receding glass door with a pair of hinged cabinet doors. The wood framed doors with wood panels installed offer a unique cabinet look and add a new dimension to a stack of receding door sectionals. (Glass option for double door is currently unavailable.)



-Instead of doors, Hale also offers a **two pullout storage drawers** option. This dual-drawer unit is just the right size for all of your “other” libraries including audio books, small paperbacks, CDs, etc. It is designed to accommodate up to 120 CD’s and/or DVD’s. (Available with **standard depth only**)

5. Choose the Height of your sectional.

Both the 300 and 800 Series bookcase sectionals have the option of Standard or Tall heights. You can mix and match the tall and standard heights just as you can with door styles.

a) 300 Sectional Series

-The standard unit outside height measures 12 ¼” and can hold books up to 10” high.

-The tall unit outside height measures 14 ¼” and can hold books up to 12” high.

b) 800 Sectional Series

-The standard unit outside height measures 13 1/8” and can hold books up to 10 ¾” high.

-The tall unit outside height measures 15 1/8” and can hold books up to 12 ¾” high.

6. Add an optional pull out posting shelf.

Hale designed this pull out posting shelf to be a convenient place to take notes or hold reference materials. The thick, solid wood shelf glides smoothly on steel ball bearing glides. The shelf is discreetly present when closed and is hidden by its 1 1/8" thick solid wood front molding. Be sure to choose the correct depth, standard or deep, posting shelf to fit with your sectional.

Enjoy the complete flexibility of arrangement when ordering your Hale Barrister Bookcase. There are many different combinations to choose from to meet your space requirements as they change over time.