

The project

A bookshelf + bling = DIY gold

THE MISSION

Kath Hawkes from interior blog House Of Hawkes transforms an IKEA bookshelf

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



- IKEA vittsjö shelving unit (Dhs325)
- Dry cloth
- 3 cans gold spray paint
- 2 cans clear gloss spray
- Marble contact paper
- Protective mask
- Plastic sheeting (not shown)



HOW TO DO IT

KATH KAWKES

The creative mind behind
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“This is a really easy DIY for those who prefer not to tackle anything too tricky. The most challenging part of this project was assembling the bookshelf, which I had to do twice. Obviously. This is standard operating procedure with IKEA and me.”

1. Once you have the framework assembled (without the shelves in place), wipe the entire unit with a dry cloth to ensure that it is free of dust. Cover the area in which you are working with plastic sheeting to avoid a mess. An outside space with plenty of ventilation is best.
2. Spray the entire shelving unit with even strokes, keeping the can at least 20cm away from the surface. I did two coats and finished off with a clear gloss layer – this helps to avoid scratches and marks on the gold paint. The paint dries really quickly but the last gloss coat will remain ‘sticky’ to the touch for a bit longer, so ensure that it dries properly.
3. I covered the top and bottom shelves (which are not glass) with faux marble contact paper. Apply the contact paper by pulling the back paper away whilst using a dry cloth and a rapid side-to-side hand motion to ensure that the top/front surface is smooth and without bubbles. Once the unit is completely dry, replace the shelves and you’re done.

