



## Nendo's Wondrous Shelf Is A Kaleidoscope That Holds Books

The Japanese wiz kids are at it again, with a bookshelf that could out-op art Bridget Riley.

The master illusionists over at [Nendo](#) are up with a new furniture concept that could turn even the dullest living room into a giant work of op art. Scatter Shelf is a towering bookshelf (yes, [bookshelves can look like art!](#)) with thin sheets of glossy, black acrylic stacked into an irregular grid. Inspected from different vantage points, the grid plays all sorts of freaky visual tricks; think of it as a kaleidoscope that just happens to be able to hold a whole lot of books.

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So when you examine this thing head on, your books and objects look like flies trapped in a spider's web. From the side, the acrylic adopts a transparent sheen, making your stuff appear to float in mid-air. At the same time, the grid acts like a huge distortion machine. Books dissolve into 2-D shapes and graphic outlines. A plant resembles a spatter painting. Step behind the bookshelf, and even your body morphs into a shimmery mirage. Behold: The transformative power of books!

Nendo plans to show Scatter Shelf at [Carpenters Workshop Gallery](#), in London, during the [Frieze Art Fair](#) in October. More coverage of Nendo's Houdini-like designs [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

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