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## the trend

### Mod quad

From many, one. Blu Dot's new **Shilf modular shelving system** is basically Lego-like but with notched, overlapping parts. Each free-standing piece — a combination of footings, short and tall "blocks" and short and long shelves — is designed to fit together in **four possible combinations**. Components range from \$49 for each foot block to \$149 for the longest shelf. The lowest horizontal combo is priced at \$742, the tallest version, pictured, costs \$1,862. The ivory-colored pieces are made from powder-coated steel and assemble without tools or hardware. Available at the company's Dot Spot inside Roam, 811 Glenwood Av., Minneapolis, or at [www.bludot.com](http://www.bludot.com).

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### Notes

Minneapolis architect and author **Sarah Susanka** has received an **Innovator award from Builder magazine**; she is one of 30 people (former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller among them) to receive the award for helping to shape the building industry.

This version of the "Shilf" is constructed from two foot blocks, four short and six tall blocks and six short shelves; it is 47 inches wide. ►

