Cut List for Making a Cabinet from a Bookshelf and Shutters

Choose a small bookcase with adjustable shelves. (Ours was 29 $\frac{5}{8}$ "W by 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "D by 31 $\frac{5}{8}$ "H.) The toekick, if it has one, will be covered by the shutter doors.

Shutters for doors. Choose shutters sized to the height and width of the bookcase. (Ours were by $14 \, ^3/_4$ "W by 29"H.) If the shutters are shorter than the bookcase, add a header board at the top of the bookcase to make up the gap in height. Once installed, the shutters should be flush with the sides of the bookcase, with a gap of about $1/_8$ inch between them.

1x utility shelving. You'll rip the top and bottom of the cabinet from this board. The length of each piece will equal the width of the bookcase; the width of each piece will equal the depth of the bookcase plus the thickness of the shutters, plus 1/4 inch for a reveal. To make sure you have enough material, get a piece that's at least twice as long as the bookcase is wide, and wide enough to cover the depth of the bookcase plus the thickness of the shutters and reveal.

1x3 to create a header, if necessary, and a stop block for attaching the magnetic door catches. Get a piece long enough to span the width of the bookcase, plus several inches for the stop block.

³/₄-inch trim. Get enough to cover the front and side edges of the top and bottom of the cabinet.