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Posted by JD - 2010/01/31 03:18

We would like to put a secret revolving (spinning) doorway from our bedroom to our home office using a bookshelf on either side. How much is something like this to have done and is it possible to do. Haven't bought the home yet, so no dimensions are available. Any advice or thoughts would be appreciated.

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Posted by brudgers - 2010/01/31 03:18

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Posted by rktectdm - 2010/01/31 03:18

\$1,000.00 Are you kidding? He's not kidding, he's stupid. Started drinking early today eh, brudgers? What, did your foodstamps finally show up? Now fess up, you guys are ALL a bunch of architect wanna-bees, aren't you? You know your stuff, as you've posted very informed thoughts here. But for whatever reason, you haven't gotten licensed yet. So you all exude attitude instead? By the way, which one of you is named Art Vandalay, or are you all just George Costanzas? (That's an insensitive joke and I take it back immediately.) Some very interesting threads get started here, and all of you guys are capable of posting very thoughtful, intelligent responses. But you just can't keep it civil! Someone disses someone, then it's an all-out flame war

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Posted by Ashley Lane - 2010/01/31 03:18

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Posted by Ray Avis - 2010/01/31 03:18

I already told you that I would love to build a suspension bridge from the second floor of my Victorian home to the second floor of a new carriage house. Anyone else have any cool architecture dreams? Build a wall, 6' wide, 6'8" h., attach a bookcase on either side, then set the whole thing on the hardware from a revolving door, trim it out

accordingly. Long term abuse of alcohol combined with professional jealousy is the mark of brudgers. He is nothing without his bosses reference library. I design piling homes, some directly over the water (Gulf of Mexico). I think it would be cool to have the floor made out of glass and slightly below the surface of the water, backlit at night time.

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Posted by kaylyn munro - 2010/01/31 03:18

If you sketch it, you will find that the bookshelf will cause interference, and that you will need a significant gap on both sides of the door. The secret passage way wouldn't be so secret. It's time to get creative. The door will have to have a mechanism that allows it to move back on a track, rotate, and then return to its original position. ghost-sniper <10-r...@deadcenter.com wrote in message news:3b2629fc\$1@news... rktectcdm <rktect...@hotmail.com wrote in I already told you that I would love to build a suspension bridge from the second floor of my Victorian home to the second floor of a new carriage house. Anyone else have any cool architecture dreams? Build a wall, 6' wide, 6'8 h., attach a bookcase on either side, then set the whole thing on the hardware from a revolving door, trim it out accordingly. Long term abuse of alcohol combined with professional jealousy is the mark of brudgers. He is nothing without his bosses reference library. I design piling homes, some directly over the water (Gulf of Mexico). I think it would be cool to have the floor made out of glass and slightly below the surface of the water, backlit at night time.

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Books are really heavy, and therefore not a particularly good choice for what to use as a door. Does it need to revolve? I'd be tempted to make casement-type swing-out doors on rollers, which should solve both the clearance problems, and give you a little extra load-bearing capability. Choose you floor and wheel materials carefully, lest marks on the floor give you away.... (Is this thing supposed to be hidden from both sides?)

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Posted by Harvey V - 2010/01/31 03:18

Does it need to revolve? I'd be tempted to make casement-type swing-out doors on rollers, which should solve both the clearance problems, and give you a little extra load-bearing capability. I'd do that, too: there's an aesthetic/decorative problem in having two walls, in two rooms, either of which can fit in with the decorations or fittings from the other room's revolving bookshelf without looking like it's landed from another room. (Which, of course, it has.....) A thick wall with double doors, each decorated appropriately to be hidden in its respective room, would be the traditional solution. (You see these things in country houses fairly frequently, both single- and double-sided.)
Harvey

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Or the jambs need to be curved or angled to accommodate the swing rotating unit. Possible, but I say go to the source: How do they solve this in movieland? Anyone have a movie on video or dvd that has a hidden rotating door on a center pivot? The third Indiana Jones movie perhaps? If so, watch it in slow motion and report back here. Why re-invent the wheel if all you have to do is go watch a movie? rktectcdm <http://www.namingthewinds.com>

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kaylyn munro <x...@architecture.com wrote in message... Or the jambs need to be curved or angled to accommodate the swing rotating unit. Mike, Kaylyn's is the question we are discussing. The rotating bookshelf (real or otherwise) has some thickness to it

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