

BANQUETTES ON A BUDGET

22 Repurposed storage cubies

Fasten inexpensive wood cubbies together with screws, and frame the front with 1x2s. Add a coat of paint and a cushion. Birch plywood cube, \$59; gothiccabinetcraft.com

23 Furniture pieces Pull up a pair of backless benches with shapely supports, or hit up the home center for turned wood legs and build a bench with plywood and skirting. 18-inch wood scrolled leg, \$9.50; lowes.com

24 Simple platform Build a basic banquette from a frame of 2x4s clad with paint-grade 3/4-inch plywood. Layer a 1x2 over a 1x4 to create the stepped-up trim.

25 Upholstered back Create a kitchen conversation piece by repurposing a fabric-covered headboard with nailhead trim. Or custom-build one of your own; to find the how-to, go to thisoldhouse.com/may2014. ■

