Blue Ledge



From $220

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Overview

A lamp with no base. It bolts to the underside of a shelf, the back of a headboard, or the side of a bookcase, and hangs out over whatever is below. The plate is 3 mm steel, drilled for two screws; the arm is brass tube with a friction joint at the elbow.

A NOTE ON THE LIGHT

The half cylinder opens downward, so the light is thrown at the wall below the shelf rather than out into the room. It is the brightest of the three at the surface it lights, because nothing is diffused.

WHERE IT GOES

Made to order in the workshop on Howard Street. Two to three weeks, longer in December. If you need it by a date, say so in the note and we will tell you honestly whether it is possible.

WHAT IT IS NOT

It does not rotate at the plate — the joint turns, the plate does not. It is not rated for ceilings, and it is not a substitute for a proper ceiling fixture.



Specifications

Drop below mount	9 to 13 in / 229 to 330 mm
Plate	3 mm steel, flat blue, 4 × 3 in
Arm	Unlacquered brass tube, 8 mm OD
Shade	Half cylinder, powder-coated steel
Joint	Friction, brass thumb screw
Socket	E26, UL listed
Bulb	25 W equivalent LED, 2700 K
Cord	8 ft, cloth-covered, plug-in
Weight	3.1 lb / 1.4 kg
Lead time	Two to three weeks

TOLERANCE

Hand bending is not machining. Reach varies by up to 5 mm between units and the shade may sit a degree or two off vertical. If a lamp is going into a built-in or a tight corner, tell us the dimension and we will check the finished lamp against it before it ships.

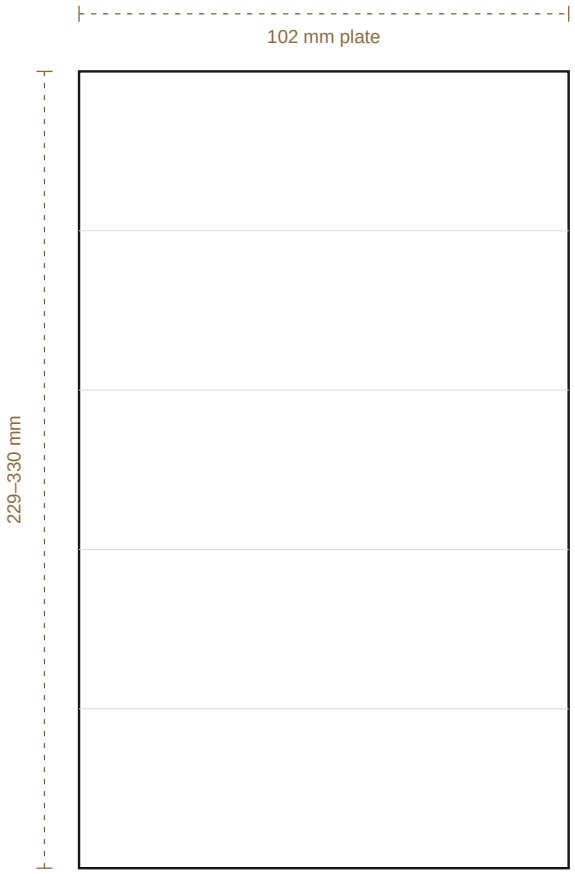
FINISH

Powder coat is matched by eye, not by number. Two lamps a year apart will be close but not identical. Brass starts the same on every lamp and diverges from there, which is the point.



Dimensions

Overall envelope, front elevation. All dimensions in millimetres unless a second figure is given in inches.



FRONT ELEVATION

NOTES

- Two screws, 4 in apart, on a 3 in plate.
- If you are mounting into drywall rather than a shelf or a stud, tell us — we send different anchors.
- The plate is reversible. The arm can hang to the left or the right.
- Re-tighten the thumb screw by hand, not with pliers.



Blue Ledge, photographed on the bench. November, mid-afternoon, north window.

Materials & finish

WHAT IT IS MADE OF

Steel is cut and bent in the shop. Brass is bought as tube and left unfinished. Shades are formed by hand over a wooden buck. Nothing is plated, sealed, or treated to stay the colour it was on the day it left.

HOW IT AGES

Brass goes from bright yellow to a dull brown over one to two years. Handling speeds this up. We do not lacquer it, because lacquer fails in patches and looks worse than an even patina.

Powder coat is semi-gloss and does not yellow. It will chip if struck; a chipped edge is bare steel and will rust slowly in a damp room.

White oak is finished with hardwax oil only. It will take on a warm cast and darken slightly where hands rest.

Electrical & bulb

SOCKET AND CORD

Sockets and cord sets are UL listed, bought from a supplier in Portland. We do not build our own electrical parts and we do not modify the cord set beyond shortening it.

Socket	E26 medium base, UL listed
Rating	120 V, 60 Hz, 75 W maximum
Cord	SJT 18/2, cloth covered
Plug	Polarised, two-prong

BULB

A 40 W equivalent LED at 2700 K is what we ship with. Higher wattage will discolour the shade from the inside and is not covered.

The lamp is not rated for wet locations. Do not use it outdoors, in a bathroom, or anywhere it can be splashed.

Packing & shipping

HOW IT SHIPS

Carton	16 × 12 × 10 in, double wall
Gross weight	6.8 lb / 3.1 kg
Packing	Moulded pulp end caps, shade wrapped in tissue
Carrier	USPS Priority or UPS Ground

WHAT CAN GO WRONG

Shades are the fragile part. If a carton arrives crushed, photograph it before opening and write to us — we replace shades rather than whole lamps, and we do not ask for the old one back.

We do not ship outside the United States. If you are elsewhere and want to arrange your own freight forwarder, write first and we will pack to a pallet.