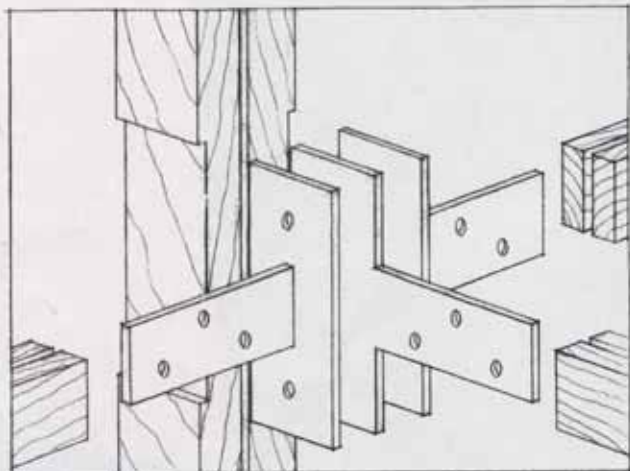


## Minimum structure, maximum style

Sometimes a roof is all you need. Shelter from the rain or sun, a small respite from the elements. It's not a place where you would live, just a place you're passing through. The structure on these pages was made with just this type of elegant, accessible shelter in mind.

Designed by Boston architect Keith Moskow, the bus stand is meant to keep students dry while they wait to get picked up from school. Working with a slim budget didn't allow Moskow and builder Kevin McGrath to get too fancy, but they made do with readily available materials.

They used 2x fir for the majority of the framing and doubled up 4x stock for the posts. Rather than have a custom shop fabricate the steel connectors, McGrath used 1/2-in. thick steel and handled all the necessary welding, cutting and drilling on site. The curved beam was laid up from 1/4-in. AC plywood; a 1/2-in. plywood plate applied to the bottom of the beam hides the laminations from view. The decorative roof spine was also made of plywood and covered with aluminum, with spikes made of painted cedar.

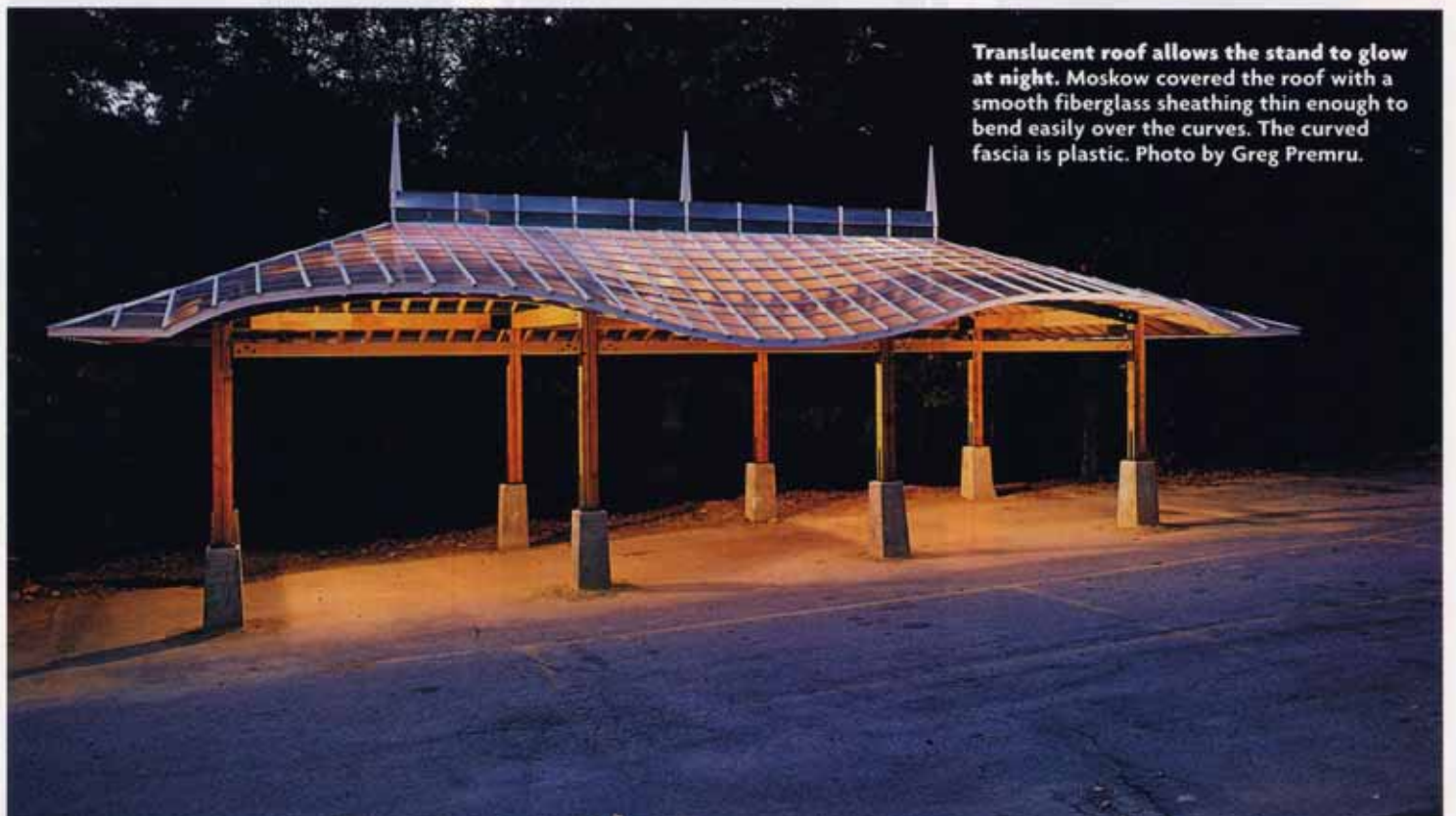


**Steel brackets make joinery a relatively simple task.** Designed and fabricated on site, several configurations of steel plate allowed the builder to bolt together readily available (and less expensive) framing lumber. Drawing by Keith Moskow.





**Bus stand keeps waiting students dry with style.** The stand's graceful lines are emphasized by the double swoop of the roof's edge. Deceptively large, the stand measures approximately 50 ft. by 24 ft. Photo by Greg Premru.



**Translucent roof allows the stand to glow at night.** Moskow covered the roof with a smooth fiberglass sheathing thin enough to bend easily over the curves. The curved fascia is plastic. Photo by Greg Premru.