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# Organize Your Art Space for a Creative Explosion!





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# The Problem: Organizing and the Artist

As visual people, artists are handicapped when it comes to organizing.



Standard storage solutions don't work well for creative spaces.

## You collect art supplies in LARGE quantities.











You make excuses to keep materials that are no longer useful, such as...

#### "It cost me a lot of money!"

### "I'm going to fix it."

#### "Really. I mean that."

"But it has so much potential!" "I can't decide whether I'll need it or not."





# The Solution: Suggestions for the Studio

Any art supply item can be grouped logically into one of four categories...

# Main supplies The primary "stuff" of your particular art or craft



#### **Embellishment supplies**

The materials you use to decorate or supplement your main supplies

## Tools

# Scissors, pliers, needles, paint brushes – whatever you use



Reference materials Instructions, books, magazines, catalogs, clippings, sketches











Sort your main supplies based on how you design with them. Accept that you will never use 100 percent of your stuff.



Keep a clear workspace, and you're ready when creativity calls.

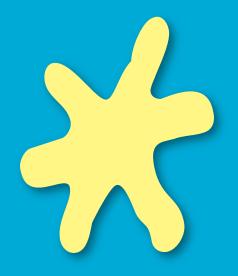


Place your tools within easy reach.

Arrange your main supplies for easy review and access. Make embellishment supplies portable so they're out of the way when you're not using them.

Store your reference materials near, but not *on* your workspace.





# Studio Organizing Tips & Tricks



Put the label maker to work.

#### Use clear containers to make shapes and colors easy to spot.

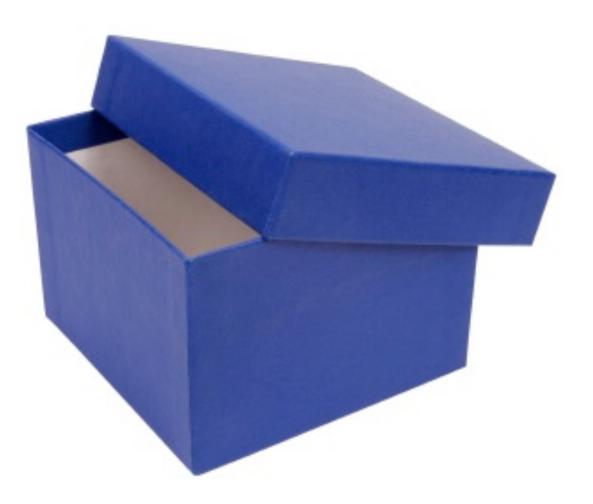
Color-code your storage labels, and you'll find things faster. Store loose paper in page protectors in a binder.



Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bags are your friend!

### Stash magazines in hanging files in a portable file box.





Designate a project box for each unfinished project and its materials. Inventory the materials you own in plentiful supply, then carry the list with you when you shop. Build a portable, space-saving workspace using extendible saw horses.



Adjust your shelving units to accommodate your supplies.



# Time for your questions!



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