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Letter from the Editors

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Dear Crafting Enthusiast:

How would you describe your craft space? Is it spacious and grand or tiny and cramped? Whether you have a Martha Stewart-sized craft stash or simply keep your supplies in a drawer, you can't go wrong when you get a little creative with your space. The more you customize your environment, the more you'll want to craft day in and day out. Plus, a decorated space can inspire you to step outside of the box and try your hand at a new medium

Organization and storage are essential elements for a fantastic craft room. If you're not sure where to start or what to do, it's okay! We've asked some of our favorite craft designers to share their space. Each crafter not only shows off their creative space but also shares tips and tricks for turning any space into a wonderful craft room. Get inspired to get organized and see how simple it is to create a craft room.

For tips, projects and other crafty ideas, head over to the [Storage and Organization](#) section of [FaveCrafts](#). You'll find creative ideas for crafters at every skill level.

Don't wait until spring to get cleaning – decrease your clutter, organize your materials and find a space (big or small) to call your own.

Sincerely,

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### [Tina Johnson](#)

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***Tina's Tip:*** *"You don't have to break the bank to have a functional and creative work space. You can have a creative space that makes you happy and spend very little money creating it. I want to share My Green Craft Room with you. I am very thrifty and love to recycle any chance I get as you will soon see. I'm also known to be very unique. My craft room is a far cry from fancy but I love it and everything thing in it inspires me to be creative. I hope my craft room will inspire you to create your own creative space in your home."*

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“It is amazing what you can do with two cardboard boxes and a folding table! Cover that support post with crochet graffiti! A clipboard hanging from the ceiling makes a great place to put current project notes!”



“The packages my curtains came in turned into a handy hanging holder for my sewing doo-dads. My old pocket book turned into a pin cushion with scissor and ruler storage.”



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“Baskets and plastic containers make for great storage. Store your fabric paint upside down in a plastic container and your arm won’t fall off from trying to shake the paint to the tip.”



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[Yarn Caddy](#)





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## Berta Gilhom



**Berta's Tip:** *"I organize my craft room so that I can see the materials I want to work with easily. I make things stackable so I have room to go up."*

When I retired and started expanding my crafting skills, I had several natural and inherited crafting skills. I had handed down skills, like crochet, knitting and sewing from my family. I had God-given skills like drawing, painting and forming items out of anything that was put in front of me and because of those gifts I had a lot of mentors over the years that taught me more skills.

I am very grateful for all of this, but there is a down side, and that is having so many creative ideas that I collect all sorts of tools and materials. Therefore, Ideas + skills + products = the need for storage. I knew I needed a lot of storage and organization to keep my sanity.

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The first thing I did was clear a spare room my children had vacated for my craft storage. The room had a small closet I sat up by removing the closet doors, which I didn't need and doing the following:

In one corner I stacked 4 large and 2 small plastic storage containers for sewing material, yarn and on top - my cat's bed.



I kept the closet shelf and used that for Art Paper, canned Paints and Sprays, Plaster, Styrofoam, etc.

I also kept the hanger pole for hanging small objects to dry.

I placed 2 small plastic rolling carts with drawers on the main closet floor with a very small 4 drawer container in between for Thread, Tapes Ribbons, Scissors and all other sewing tools.

I placed a tall bookcase sideways on top of the carts with Bins for Yarn storage.

#### **For the rest of the room:**

I inherited a many drawer metal cabinet used for tax prep and used that in the room for "All Small Crafting" like Buttons, Balloons, Crayons, Clay, Fabric/Glass Paint, Glitter & Glues, Stamps, Tools, Wire, Wood Pieces, etc. and it's full!!

I found a small local Hardware Store that was selling out some old part containers that held screws, nuts and bolts. Made of metal with a lot of heavy cardboard storage, I bought 2 for a few dollars and sat them on top of my craft cabinet for bead storage (perfect for beading supplies).



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I bought a chest on sale for \$50 which I use for book storage and a small old desk from a garage sale is my sewing cabinet.

I have a rolling art table I use for working on crafts and beading, on top of this under a piece of large plastic is my cutting mat.

In the corner of the room opposite the closet I have a desk with my Laptop and all things computer.

I hope some of our crafty friends out there can use some of these ideas for organizing and staying not so crazy while crafting.



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[Granny Gee's Crocheted Pillow Cover](#)



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## Jane Skoch

Maiden Jane



**Jane's Tip:** "Place things near where you use them. I keep my thread and patterns in file drawers. My scissors, bobbins, measuring devices, thread clips, are all in easy reach in the drawer underneath my sewing machine."

"I primarily sew in my studio. I have been sewing on a machine for 19 years. I enjoyed sewing coats, dresses and clothes for my kids when they were little. In recent years I have been sewing formal dresses for my daughters, costumes, home accessories and totes. I also sew T Shirt Quilts. Several years ago I started working for an online fabric company and was inspired to open an Etsy shop. It has been a wonderful experience and an opportunity to explore the creative side of my brain (not easy for an engineer.)"

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“I love to re purpose containers when possible. We love clementines and use the boxes to store craft items. They are great because we can stack them in the large cupboard and if we are doing a particular craft, we can grab the entire box and bring it out closer to where we are working. We also love cigar boxes. (No, we don’t smoke cigars, but found a bunch in Myrtle Beach years ago that we are still using. I love the colors – and the smell!).”



“I like to have clear work surfaces, so I try to “go vertical.” I have a set of file folders, but, inevitably, I toss a paper on my desk which soon becomes a pile. The same thing happens with my sewing area. I might be excited to work on a new product, but a custom quilt comes along and before you know it, I have piles.”



“We selected a cabinet with a narrow storage bin. My ironing board can fit in it. However, most of the time I have it out. When we want to get into the other cupboard, we have to slide the ironing board out of the way.”





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“Also, the countertops are intended to be work areas. However, they tend to collect piles and before you know it, the entire surface is covered. When the clutter was simply taking over the room, I sprang into action with a quick plan which was a cheap and practical solution to the problem. I gathered extra reusable grocery bags, stapled photos of the types of my common projects, placed the fabric piles inside and put the bags under the counter. A single basket on the counter is intended for the most current works-in-progress.”



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### [Alyce Edrich](#)

[The Dabbling Mum](#)

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***Alyce's Tip:*** *“As you look at these photos of the studio side of my office, you'll discover my obsessive need to find things quickly. I also like the fact that I can see—at a glance—exactly where everything is, what I'm limited on, and what I need to stock up on... thus saving me time a lot of time and headaches later.”*

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When I first started crafting as a young child, we often kept our art supplies locked up in a storage cabinet, only to be taken out when we were feeling creative. As a young adult, with two small children at home, at not enough space of my own, the same storage issues presented themselves so I found a cabinet in the hallway and used it for all my art supplies—which I must admit were not many.

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But in 2008, when the craft bug once again hit me, I found myself with an interesting dilemma. Cram everything I owned into a couple of boxes and pull them out whenever I felt creative, or remove all the storage boxes from the basement and turn it into a craft room/writing office.

I, of course, chose taking over the basement. At first, it was difficult to paint in the basement as there wasn't adequate lighting but then I discovered Full Spectrum Daylight Balanced Light Bulbs by ALZO Digital, and a few floor lamps later, I was in business.

To grow my stash, I'd purchase one or two new things every week using those 40 to 50% off coupons from Michael's, JoAnne's, and Hobby Lobby. But as my stash grew, so did the dilemma of finding everything. I tired of pulling things out of boxes, so I purchased a couple of white Sterilite Shelving Units. Then week by week, I would add a few Sterilite organizational tools: clear, see-through plastic bins and drawers. After 4 months, I finally felt like a real artist... even if my talents weren't yet up to par.



After a couple of weeks in my new office/studio space, I discovered something pretty amazing... the ability to create without inhibitions. And it was great being able to go back and forth from creating a painting to scanning a dried piece of art to writing without having to walk up a flight of stairs and enter various rooms for various stages of my craft.

I also learned that whether I am working on a writing-related project or a craft-related project, I need my own space and I need things easily accessible and organized.

For instance, I have a 3-drawer organizer dedicated solely to my hand painted papers. There is a drawer for papers that are still in the creative stage, a drawer for papers that have been scanned and are ready to be cut, and a drawer for papers that I like so much that I either

want to save them or frame them just as they are. I even have a 3 drawer organizer for scraps: scrap papers that are large enough for greeting cards, scraps that are perfect for collages, and scraps that are too small for anything other than decorative hole punches.

I use a three-shelf system for storing my art projects, based upon completion level. The bottom shelf is for canvases, jars, etc. that require a first coat of gesso. The second shelf is usually reserved for projects that have been completely painted and need a safe spot for drying. And the top shelf is for projects that require a glaze or gloss finish and time to cure before packaging.

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I created my own caddy, out of old tin cans, so that I can store my brushes according to use: watercolors, art jars, and canvases. This is important because the brushes I use on my art jars get beat up pretty bad and don't work well on canvases.

Then there's my bookshelf. I love having my art books, instructional DVDs, and business how-to's easily accessible should I need to look something up quickly, or need a little inspiration.



And because the only place I am currently selling my art is online, I have a little warehouse going using rubber tubs. I bubble wrap each item, secure the bubble wrap with tape, then label the package according to the item number and description I use in my online shopping cart.



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## [Latrice Murphy](#)

[Any Occasion](#)

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***Latrice's Tip:*** "IKEA was by far the best place for us to find large tables, shelves, racks and more. I have figured out a way to utilize just about every inch of space and keep it all organized."

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First off, I have to tell you how we decided to create this unique space in our home. We were running out of space in our house when we decided to have our second child. The office that was in the third bedroom would become our daughter's room, and her old room would be the new nursery.

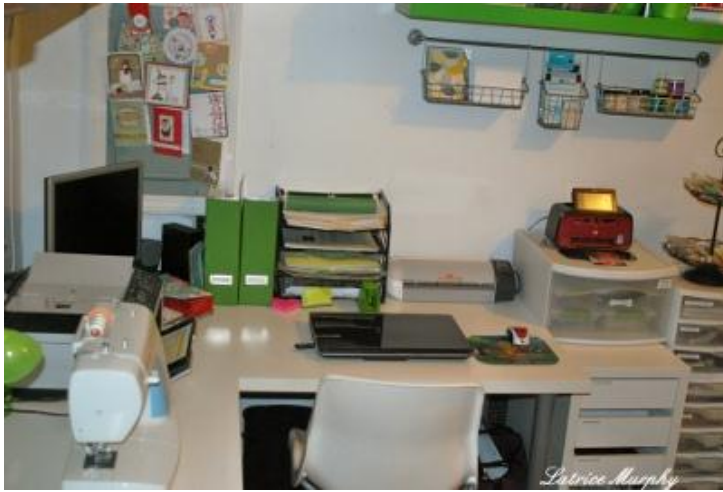
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Our house is a small one with a one car garage that was only storing tools and what not. My husband, being the idea guy, thought maybe we could finish it off, buy a nice big shed for the backyard, and make this the office. He was right! We cleared the space out of all tools, bikes, toys and whatever else, organized them nicely in a BIG shed, and went to work. We had to Epoxy the floors for a clean look, find cabinets from a house I actually remodeled (SCORE!) finish off the outside wall, paint, trim and add insulation to the garage door.



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### [Amanda Formaro](#)

[Crafts by Amanda](#)

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***Amanda's Tip:*** "I definitely didn't want cords all over the table top of my table, so hubby drilled a hole in the middle and attached a power strip upside down under the table. This way all the cords go through the center and none of them will be stretched across the table top."

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I'm pretty excited to share this with you, but I have to warn you first. My craft room is in the basement. It's not all glamorous and shiny like the ones you see featured in big magazines. It involves concrete walls, exposed plumbing, laundry machines and all the ugly things you find in a basement. It's not pretty, but it's a large space and a great place to keep my overwhelming amount of craft supplies contained. When we bought the house, we took a paint sprayer and 20 gallons of white paint to all the dingy walls. So it's a far cry better than it was, but it's still not pretty.

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So with that disclaimer out of the way, I bring you my great big wonderful craft table, complete with cork board and magnetic chalkboard!



Here's a before picture... ewww.

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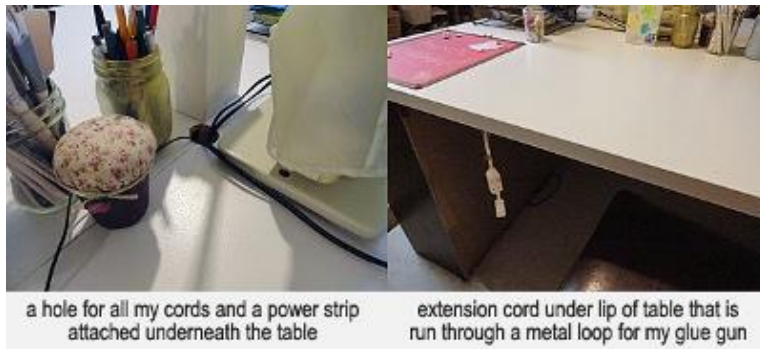


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The power strip under my craft table caused an issue for my glue gun though. Since the glue gun does not have an on/off switch, it can't be left plugged in. So we used those one-hole straps I mentioned above to run a small extension cord through so that it pokes out under the table right where I work. There's enough slack in the cord too so I can stretch the glue gun across the table and work with it from anywhere.



a hole for all my cords and a power strip attached underneath the table

extension cord under lip of table that is run through a metal loop for my glue gun

So there's still a lot of work to be done as you can see from the mess lying around, but things are so much better and I have so much room to work now.



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## Sarah Sach

[Posh Pooch Designs](#)



**Sarah's Tip:** "I use the clear drawer style bins to sort my yarns, as well as the big clear bins for overstock (yarn I got on sale!)"

Organization is the key for me. My main craft is crochet and yarn, I design crochet patterns and items for the pooches. I need to find the right yarns and embellishments quickly.

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I love yarn, all types...I have been called a yarn addict and a "yarnivore", as well as a yarn hoarder, but I love yarn and always have a project in mine when I purchase it."





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## [Pat Sloan](#)

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**Pat's Tip:** *"I prefer to keep my fabric in bins and use similar colors (red or red/white). That way I reduce visual clutter. I spend 12 hours a day in this room working and I like it tidy."*

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My studio is all the quilt things I use most of the time. Finished quilts, books, and other craft supplies are not stored here, the room is too small!

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I do have a scrapbook 'tower' for my threads. I have a lot of thread... wink!



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## [Marti Wills](#)

[Pezadoodle Designs](#)

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***Marti's Tip:*** *If you are like me and have oodles of little bottles on hand, a spice rack might be just what you need. I found these at target several years ago but I think I may need to add another one!*

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I have been an artist and crafter for as long as I can remember, but only in the last several years have I been blessed enough to have an actual studio room all to myself! My studio has been a work in progress over the years as my interests changed and I tried out different organizational methods. I finally hit upon something that works really well for me and I am excited to show it to you here! It is still not totally complete but it is very close.

My studio set up is done purely for function and ease. I do not worry about the looks or decorativeness. I do not worry about lining up jars and jars of embellishments by color. I wanted a space that gave me maximum creative ease without getting me bogged down in excessive organization. I also needed to be mindful of my budget. Full kitchen cabinets and a built in sink would be lovely but what I really like to spend my money on is supplies and tools!

My studio occupies one room in our basement – our basement is open so there is nothing blocking it from the rest of the basement area which I really like. Although the room is on the smaller side, I wanted as much workspace as possible. I purchased one 8' table and two 6' tables over the course of several

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years, in addition to a drafting table I have had for quite some time. My husband came up with a genius idea to arrange them in a spiral (the spiral of crafting insanity he calls it).



When I enter the “spiral” I have a 4-drawer file cabinet and 2 large shelves along the left wall. The shelves were purchased at Home Depot, both on sale, and they are very deep – more so than a standard shelf.

The file cabinet was one of the more expensive items I have purchased, but worth every penny. I have all of my 8 ½” x 11” paper in the middle two drawers organized in hanging files by color.

By using a swatch of each to write the color name on for the tab, I can see at a quick glance what color I want to use. The bottom drawer contains all of my specialty papers such as grunge board, acrylic packaging, and sketches and other items I want easy access to. The top drawer is for scraps. I group scraps very simply by color – so all shades of orange go in a hanging folder, all shades of purple in another, etc.



My 12” x 12” paper is stored on the deep shelf next to the cabinet.

Originally I used the plastic bins by Cropper Hopper. Then I came across the sturdier 3 section ones also by Cropper Hopper and have been gradually switching over to them. Again my organization is fairly basic – like color groups together, dotted together, holiday patterns together and other patterns together.



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The deep shelves also house all of my stamps and other items. I knew I wanted shallow drawers so they would not be difficult to dig through and I found these sets of three fit perfectly on the shelves.

I do not have them labeled yet but because they are clear it is easy enough to see the contents. Again I went for ease of organization – I classify them by broad category – birthday, Christmas, collage, floral. This prevents me from spending too much time putting things away when I have let them pile up!

To the right of the shelves is my daughter's craft area – of course I had to include space for her! She has a child's craft table and lots of plastic drawers for her own use as well as more drawers for my use!



Her area could use a little straightening!

Because I do so many different things I needed a lot of workspace and I get that with my large tables. I have a space for sewing, building miniatures, working with polymer clay, electronic die cutting, painting and paper crafting! I also have a small old table we had that is set up for photographing my projects.



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For anyone who blogs or submits photographs of their work for publication, a good spot for photos is essential. I purchased an inexpensive yard of material which is tacked to the wall so I have a pure white background. Lighting is also essential!



Even though I had ample workspace I was seriously lacking in storage. After trying a number of different things I found I liked the plastic storage drawers the most for a number of reasons. First, they come in such a wide variety of sizes and configurations. I can get exactly the size, number and depth drawers I need for whatever I need to store in them. Second, I can see through them and know right away what is in them. Finally, the drawers are removable. I can grab the one I need and pull it out to use whatever is inside. Now I don't need to do this for all of them

but for something like my colored pencils this is quite handy – I pull it out and can place it where ever I am working, even take it upstairs.

On top of the table I have sets of smaller drawers.





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These keep items like acrylic blocks and a variety of embellishments handy when I need them.

In addition, I have a variety of sizes beneath all of the tables.



Because my main work area is a spiral I have plenty of space yet everything is within easy reach!

Of course I acquire books nearly as fast as I acquire supplies so I have a tall bookshelf tucked in one corner.





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My Cricut cartridges take up far less space using the Scrap-cesories boxes! You can see my Cricut machines and my polymer clay roller on either side. Having the space to keep items out and accessible means I make better use of them!

As I mentioned, our basement floor plan is open so I can see what is going on, watch TV, and interact with other family members who may be down there with me.



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My workspace ready to go! I have ample lighting set up as well as my video camera for filming. Today I will be working with my Luminarte Artist Pigments and so I have easily pulled out the drawer and can see them all! I have a variety of buckets from the Target \$1 spot which hold pens, markers, paint brushes, scissors, etc. (I swear by the Ranger water bucket!)



One final item I will mention that has been invaluable is the power strip you can barely see going across the back of my worktable. It is 5' I think and has plug sockets every few inches. This allows me to keep everything plugged in as well as plug something in temporarily.



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[Wire Ribbon Flower Bow](#)



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## Debbie Buchanan

[Stampin' Up](#)

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**Debbie's Tip:** *"The plastic drawers under the table house all my favorite Stampin Up punches. The long wooden box that has the ball canning jars in it came from my dad when he sent a stained glass pc to me. We stained it and added it to the wall – the jars fit perfectly in it."*

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Everything at arm's reach. Paper stacker came from K-Log on line, Stamp pad holder came from a x-down-line's hubby, and the little boxed drawers came from Ikea. The white shelves came from the kids bedrooms and one houses the stamps, the other has tools. The brown boxes are each filled: envelopes in one, everything that colors in another, embossing tools and powers in another, ink refills in one, and all things wheels in another. The boxes were from Staples a few years back on sale. Thanks to Stampin Up's bonus I was able to buy them all!

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## Gail Friend

[Gail Friend Designs](#)

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***Gail's Tip:*** "I love using unusual items for storage. I have vintage suitcases that I organize and (I) keep my patterns I design in them. I use old cigar boxes for ribbons and trims."

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Getting organized was definitely my major New Year's Resolutions this year. I spend most of my free time working in my studio area in my apartment. I was in my spare bedroom and was outgrowing it. So I went with a rather unconventional approach. In my apartment the living room and dining room are one open area. I made my living room my studio.

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the get it now. I love it.

I have my computer desk, art supplies, sewing machine, bookcases and storage in this larger room. I put my former dining table in the middle of the room for a work table. The former dining room is now a small sitting room with the TV and stereo attached to the studio area. This arrangement probably wouldn't work for most people, but I live alone, so I figured why not? I have been so much more productive and I am really glad I made this change. I think at first most of my friends and family thought it was a crazy idea, but



I have a pink cupcake theme I am working on, so I have found glass covered cake plates for display. On my work table I have a cake plate with containers with my art supplies. The really pretty Valentine Candy boxes are great for storing beads too.



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## [Michael Sellick](#)

[The Crochet Crowd](#)

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**Michael's Tip:** *"My crafts are mostly yarn and I organize them by brands instead of colors."*

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In projects, I usually don't switch brands. My logic is that if I know all brands are in one slot and I don't see a color I need, I know I need to replace it or think of something different. Many people have told me to organize by color but I can see my stash being ripped apart just to see if the color bin actually has the brand I need. I also make sure I have a lot of yarn of different shades to ensure I got my basis covered, especially with scrap-gans.

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### [Kara Jones](#)

[Mother Henna](#)

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Using shoe racks and hanging mesh/cloth shelves helps me be able to see what is in storage. Plus it gives me space to rotate out supplies from the tables if I need more table top space to work a particular project.

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## Tanner Bell

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## [Mark Montano](#)

[MarkMontano.com](http://MarkMontano.com)

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**Mark's Must-Haves:** *"Clear, stackable shoe boxes and floor to ceiling shelves. If you have both of those, you're golden!"*

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**How did you decide on the overall look of your crafting space?**

I wanted it bright and inspiring with the energy of a circus tent. I'm obsessed with the circus. I love big wide stripes and youthful color schemes.

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**What's the strangest item you have in your craft room right now?**

Probably my collection of antique baby heads which stare and me all day and freak out my visitors.



**What's one storage/organization tip you can pass on to fellow crafters?**

Clear boxes so that you can see what's inside and keeping all of the same types of items together.

**Do you have plans to make any changes to your craft room in the future?**

Yes, I'm going to clean it!



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#### What are you planning to add/take out/change in your craft room?

Actually, I have to find a way to add a bigger folding table for YouTube demos and if at all possible, I have to get rid of some things. I'm a hoarder so it's going to be rough!



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## Top Supplies for Crafty Organization

Here are some great products for those who want to organize their crafting space! We have storage pins, yarn holders, books and more. You can find them all right here! [Be sure to check out our full collection of crafty storage supplies at CutRateCrafts.com!](https://www.cutratecrafts.com)



[All Media Travel Artist Kit  
With Storage Bag-96 Pieces](#)

\$81.59



[Dot Box Storage System 32 Pieces -  
Small, 7" X 5.5" X 1.5"](#)

\$13.59



[ArtBin Double Take  
Storage Case - 13.5" X  
10" X 3.75"](#)

\$19.80



[Cricut Cartridge Storage](#)

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[ScrapOnizer Ultimate File Folders, 2/Pkg – 12" X 12"](#)

\$7.30



[VELCRO\(R\) brand One-Wrap Straps 5" X 1/4", 10/Pkg, Multi-Color Brights](#)

\$2.97



[Portfolio Photo Tabs - 24/Pkg](#)

\$4.24



[5 Tier Storage Organizer, 12" X 59" - White](#)

\$29.71



[Decorate Smart Ultimate Rolling Tool Caddy, 10" X 14.2" X 22.5" - White/Purple](#)

\$127.49



[Project Tote, 9-1/2" X 8-1/2" X 5" - Bright Pink/Khaki](#)

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[Storage Cart w/6 Drawers - Multi-Color](#)

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[Scrapfolio Expandable Storage Case – Frost, 12" X 12"](#)

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