



Project Sheet Clever Storage

One of the best things about craft supplies is looking through your goodies and feeling all inspired to create. But what happens when those goodies get out of hand and overwhelm your creativity?

I went through a time when my supplies were always in a jumble. They were sorted by type ... the problem was that I work by colour. The tools for the job were pretty simple ... 5Litre tubs, snap lock bags, labels and time.

First I put colour labels on the tubs. Next, I took one container of eyelets and started to bag them by colour, and put each bag into the appropriate colour tub. On I went sorting bards, buttons, ribbon, flowers and more. Everything was bagged and tubbed. The only things I kept separate were special themes like zoo, Christmas, school, etc. Yes, it did take time, but I did it over a number of days and it was actually pretty easy.

Next, I moved on to cardstock and pattern paper ... all in colour order. A big box of card and paper scraps were also sorted into folders by colour.

The benefits have been worth the investment of time. If I want something pink and green, I can put my hands on it immediately.

If you are a stamper, out of sight can mean out of mind. When stamps are squirrelled away in drawers, you can forget what's there and they go unused. The simplest solution is to stamp them all out onto paper. When you buy a new stamp, just add it to the list. This goes for digital stamps as well ... print them out. Keep them in a folder or put them up where you can see them. For shopping purposes you can scan or photograph them and store them on your phone or tablet (no more double ups!).

There is nothing more inviting than a tidy desk and organised supplies. Invest some time in making your creative space a joy to be in, and you may just find some long lost treasures while you're at it.



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