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Love Your Creative Space: It's Not a One Size Fits All Solution

My Stuff

- **The Dream vs. The Reality**
- **Plan, Set a Date, Prepare**
 - Select a date when life is not hectic.
 - Anticipate taking 2-4 days depending on the size of your space.
 - Make donation arrangements (new quilter, family, Put N Take Table, local church, school, etc.).
 - Set up dedicated sorting area with labeled containers (Keep/Donate/Gift).

Day 1: Where To Start?

- Ask a friend to help. Trade out favors.
- Music or favorite movie makes the job easier.
- Start in one area/side of a room.
- Start with one basket, bin or bag of something.
- Don't focus on other areas of the room.
- **Getting Down To Business**
 - Create Holding Areas (boxes, baskets, bins, asst. containers, etc.) for sorting items to temporarily hang out in.
 - Like goes with Like (pins, books, patterns, etc.).
 - Keep packaging intact, you're just sorting.
 - Plan a break occasionally.
- **The Benefits of Sorting & Purging**
 - Let's you see your entire collection.
 - Save yourself \$\$\$ and avoid purchasing twice.
 - Save time and frustration of always hunting.
 - Letting go can be a positive.
 - Purging opens up space for things you're excited by *now*, not 10 years ago.



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- **Evaluate Each Collection**

- Do I still like this?
- Is this still my style or the type of work I am enjoy?
- Evaluate items that need repair, replacing, or should be tossed?
- If it doesn't fit the bill--pass it forward.

Day 2: Continuing The Work

- **See Small Changes Happening**

- More empty and open spaces.
- Areas of 'Big Picture' sorted items.
- Boxes/bags ready or loaded in the car for their journey to a new home.
- Keep at the sorting...you're doing great.
- Don't forget a break every once in a while.

Day 3: Focus On The Details & Labels

- **Subdivide & Label**

- Subdividing categories.
- Reuse other containers.
- Label everything to make finding and returning easy.
- Labels don't have to be fancy.
- Save \$\$ with simple storage from around your house.

- **By The End Of The Day**

- Designated places within drawers, on shelves, etc.
- Room for additional storage items, tools, etc.
- Utilizing tools in unexpected places

My Space, Circle Of Reach

- Assess and plan for your needs in the space available.
- Circle of reach.
- What are your workstation needs (cut, press, sew, iron, design, etc.)?
- Dual duty workstations & tools to save \$\$\$ and space.
- Consider and utilize a variety of storage options to maximize storage in your allowable space.
- Invest in quality lighting & electric capacity.

Set Up Your Space

Consider your esthetic preferences (minimal vs. high energy, open vs. hidden storage, rolling vs. stationary storage, color)

- **Go Vertical & Hide In Plain Sight**
 - Utilize wall space with shelves, shelving units (with doors or without) and bookcases for more floor space.
 - Units on wheels options provide the benefit of roll out, roll back option.
 - Pegboards, doors and other vertical storage options keep work areas clear.
 - Upcycle or hide in plain sight furniture that provides storage.
 - Consider and utilize a variety of storage options to maximize storage in your allowable space.
- **Create A Unified Theme & Visual Harmony**
 - Unify by keeping major pieces in similar style/color (minimalist, industrial, vintage, eclectic, etc.).
 - Focus on what's important to you, the furniture isn't necessarily the star.
 - Build as \$\$\$ allow and with components that work together.
 - Personalize your space with paint, color, art, mementos.
 - Make the space you have work for you.
- **Keeping It Clean**
 - 15 min. a day can make a huge difference.
 - Deep clean every month/6 months depending on studio use.

Products Featured In Presentation

- Michael's Double-Sided Snap Lid Thread Boxes
- Gerber Baby Food Containers
- Slat Wall
- A1Bead Art Jewelry Supply Square Tubes
- Beebeecraft Stackable Round Plastic Containers
- Kit X Change
 - Multi-Use Storage Panel
 - Travel Envelope
- Closet Maid Adjustable Tier & Wall Rack
- Elfa Rolling File
- Sterilite Plastic File Clip Box (Amazon)
- Akro Mills 26 Drawer Organizer
- IkeaFinstorp Rail with Condiment Holder
- Boon Drying Rack (Target/Online)
- 3M Command System
- ArtBin Vinyl Storage Tower
- *Sensational Quilts For Scrap Lovers* by Judy Gauthier
- *Quilter's Scrap Pantry* by SusanClaire Mayfield
- *The Art Of Make Do Quilting* by Mary Kerr
- Daylight Slimline 3 Floor Lamp
- Ikea
 - Hemnes Shoe Cabinet
 - Tronnes Shoe Cabinet
- Wall Control Pegboard Wall
- US General 56" Double Bank Roller Cabinet
- Vipertools Steel Tool Cabinet And Chest Combo
- Husky Red 5-Tier (Adjustable) Heavy Duty Steel Garage Storage Shelving

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