

ORGANIZING YOUR SEWING SPACE



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Creative types have the reputation of being very disorganized and messy. We don't have to be! If my creative space isn't in order, I have a hard time working in it effectively. It becomes even more important when our space isn't that vast warehouse of our dreams.

If you have the desire and will to organize your space, let me help you get started with this 2-phase approach - **Declutter and Organize**.



DECLUTTER

- Start by working through each of the areas below one at a time.
 - Storage Containers
 - Notions
 - Machines/Accessories
 - Materials (fabric, thread and yarn)
 - Patterns (paper and digital, including books)
 - WIPs (works in progress)
- Take out all the items. Make sure they're working and relevant.
- Donate or sell duplicates or unused items.
- Take the time to neaten things up (folding, trimming, winding, etc.) before putting them away.



ORGANIZE

This will vary person to person based how they use their space and its size. However, here are some ideas:

Easily Accessible

Items that you use most frequently should be easy to reach or pull out. For example, you should have your rotary cutter, rulers, pins, marking tools, etc. near your cutting area. You might have the same (some in the smaller versions) near your sewing machine.

Storage

Once you know what you have, you can find appropriate ways to store them. Start with the storage options you uncovered in the decluttering phase. You may not have to buy anything else. If you do need something else, I've got you! Here are some ideas:

Fabric - Shelves, Clear Plastic Bins, Drawers (plastic or dresser)

WIPs - ArtBins, Project Bags, Sheet/Curtain Bags

Notions - Desk Organizer, Stackable Storage Boxes, Small Plastic Drawers, Peg Board, Foldable Carriers

Rulers - Ruler Rack, Wall Plate Rack, File Organizer (wall or desktop)

Thread - Thread Rack, Container from Thread Manufacturer, Plastic Shoe Container or Drawers

Paper Patterns/Magazines - Magazine File Boxes, Binders and Page Protectors, Brochure holders, Scan and Recycle

These are just the tip of the iceberg! You may find other options to use while you're decluttering that may work just as well.

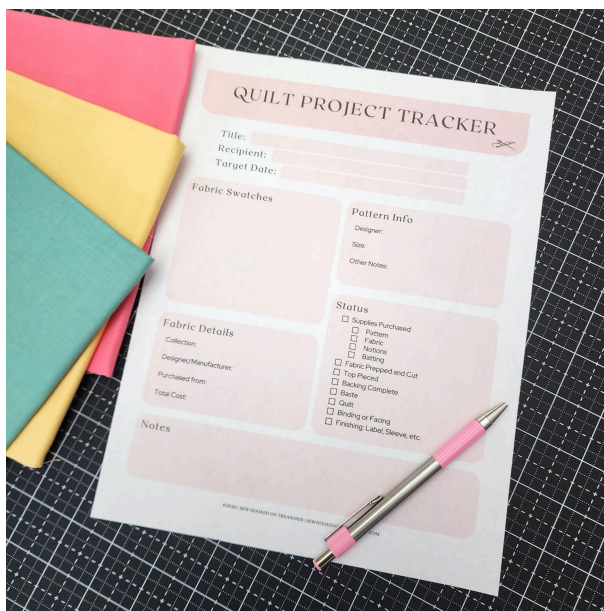


Find these items (may have other color options) and more at:

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/sewhookedontreasures>

PROJECT TRACKING

There are many quilting journals and project trackers. Another option, you can also use individual sheets to store with each WIP. On the next page, is WIP Project Tracker to do just that! Copy it to keep with each project. You can hole punch them to store in a binder as another way to quilt journal.

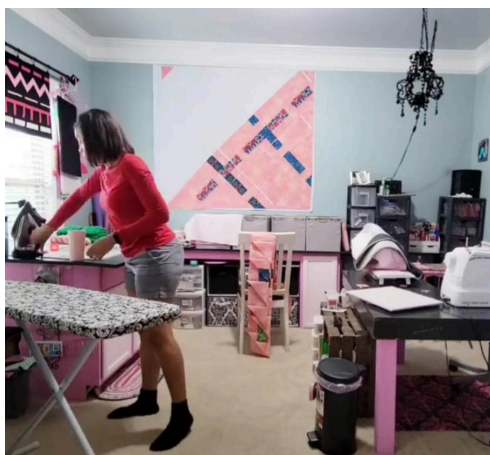


DON'T FORGET

Only go through this process if you REALLY want to be organized. It's not for everyone and that's ok. You do you!

You don't have to do everything all at once or all in one day even! Maybe smaller sections will help keep you from feeling overwhelmed.

When your space is the way you'd like it, do yourself a favor. After you've finished for the day, do a quick pick up so all your hard work wasn't for nothing.



QUILT PROJECT TRACKER



Title:

Recipient:

Target Date:

Fabric Swatches

Pattern Info

Designer:

Size:

Other Notes:

Fabric Details

Collection:

Designer/Manufacturer:

Purchased from:

Total Cost:

Status

- ☐ Supplies Purchased
 - ☐ Pattern
 - ☐ Fabric
 - ☐ Notions
 - ☐ Batting
- ☐ Fabric Prepped and Cut
- ☐ Top Pieced
- ☐ Backing Complete
- ☐ Baste
- ☐ Quilt
- ☐ Binding or Facing
- ☐ Finishing: Label, Sleeve, etc.

Notes