

Sewing Tips: Tricky Organization

Description

I moved about a year ago and had to leave most of my sewing collection behind. Iâ??ve slowly been building my collection back up over time, and while â??Å?too much fabricâ?•Â• isnâ??t something I would classify as a â??Å?problemâ?•Â•, figuring out how to organize it all is.

When I get really into my sewing projects, sometimes my collection of sewing goodies can look like a tornado hit it. With a large collection of fabric, pins, needles, notions, and patterns â?? itâ??s easy to find yourself lost amongst a pile of sewing supplies. Iâ??ve come across some really amazing organizational ideas that Iâ??ve put into use over the years, and I hope these will help you out too.

Mason Jar Pin Cushion

This probably just looks like a blatant self-promotion (and it kind of is, click here to check out the tutorial), but this is an excellent way to organize your smaller notions. Buttons, snaps, grommets, bobbins, small cuts of lace or ribbon, tiny ribbon roses that could otherwise be lost in your collection can be found quickly by storing in small mason jars. Also, you can mount a pin cushion on top and transformthis jar into a multi-use tool, making it more than just a convenient storage accessory.

Really Useful Box

There is a tiny little plastic bin with a lid and side hinges that you can buy at Staples for $1. The brand name is â??Å?Really Useful Boxâ?•Â• (you can check them out by clicking here). Theyâ??re small â?? perfect for notions, bobbins, paper clips, etc. â?? and theyâ??re stackable! I am in love with them.

Not only are they small, stackable, durable, and adorable â?? but theyâ??re also transparent. That means that you can find whatâ??s inside them with just a glance. Despite being small, they actually hold quite a lot. While Iâ??ve stuffed these with buttons, zippers, and fabric flowers, I have also used them for temporary storage. For example, I use them to hold items like pieces of fabric that Iâ??ve already cut to size. Like I said, I love them â?? theyâ??re just perfect for any sort of craft or organizational need.

They also come in all sorts of sizes. So theyâ??re excellent for storing everything from your smallest notion to your larger bolts of fabric.

Plastic Zip Bags

Those little bags that you use to pack your kidsâ?? lunches in and put your leftovers away with are one of the best organizational tools for your sewing and craft needs. They come in an assortment of sizes, from tiny jewelry size to comforter size, so you can safely pack, store, and organize all of your fabrics and notions.

The best thing about using plastic zip bags is that you can see exactly what youâ??re trying to find, even if you have several kept in the same bin. Just pull a couple bags out, find exactly what you need, put the rest away. Perfectly organized!

Plastic Storage Drawers

These small, desk-drawer organizers are actually the perfect height for most sewing thread spools. I used these for years and they were absolutely

wonderful for storing thread spools, bobbins, scissors, my rotary cutter, or anything small that isnâ??t suitable for putting into plastic bags. (Click here for a link to one of the desk drawer sets that Iâ??ve used for this purpose.)

Ribbon Dispenser

If you need an easy way to access your ribbon while keeping them neat and tidy, you can create your own ribbon dispenser. Simply slide your ribbon spools onto a wooden rod (to keep them lined up), and then just place it into a plastic storage bin thatâ??s large enough to fit all of your spools. Follow this by cutting holes or notches into the lid of the storage bin. Finally, thread the ribbon through. Put the lid on the bin and you have a handy-dandy ribbon dispenser that keeps your ribbons organized. Just pull and cut the amount you need for your project.

Wooden dowels and curtain rod hooks

Another idea for organizing your ribbon spools is to use a wooden dowel hung on curtain rod hangers. They can be installed just about anywhere and will allow you to have easy access to all of your ribbons (or lace, or anything else you can store on it).

Storing fabric using Comic Book Boards

I saved the absolute best for last. You can store your smaller cuts of fabric by creating mini-bolts of fabric, using â??Å?comic book boardsâ?•Â• (a cut of heavy weight cardstock used to keep comics from warping or bending when theyâ??ve been bagged). Fold your fabric to the width of the board, and then wrap around the board as if it were a bolt.

This allows your smaller cuts of fabric to be put into bookshelves, or stored in bins in a way that is a lot easier to organize and access than just having it folded without anything to support it.

Comic book boards can be purchased online in bulk for very cheap, making it super economical as well as space saving. (Click here for a link to some

comic book boards.)

Share how you organize your sewing supplies and fabric in the comments below!

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