

2023 HELPFUL IDEAS



PROJECT TRAYS

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TRAYS

Melamine plates can be very useful in your sewing room.

I found these plates at my local grocery store in their seasonal aisle, close to the end of summer. They were just reduced on clearance for @ \$1.00-2.00 each, a really great deal! They were advertised as bbq plates, though I thought too pretty for sauce! I knew immediately that I wanted to repurpose these for a useful way in my work area. I really love them because they have that narrow lip around which will help keep things on them, like tiny pins and clips.

If these catch your eye and could be helpful for you too, look for something similar at your favorite local store or try an online search at: Amazon, walmart, target, bed bath & beyond, your craft stores or wherever you like to shop.

You may or may not be able to find a similar item at that same discount, but you can always keep your eyes open for great deals and sales at your favorite sources!



BENEFITS

The great thing about these plates, is they are lightweight, stackable and easily movable.

The trays can be filled with helpful tools that you use frequently, such as: scissors, tweezers, corner turner, fabric pens, clips, etc. It keeps everything handy and right there for you!

Something to be cautious about: If the tray gets knocked off the table while you are busy working, the plates won't break but if you have a breakable item on them, like the ceramic, that may, so consider that when planning yours and place any ceramics in a position where they won't get knocked off or damaged.



PROJECT ITEMS

You can stack your cut fabric squares, quilt blocks, trims, ribbons, buttons or whatever you are working on for a specific project, on your tray. Then, you will have all your supplies for that project, together in one area. Very convenient!

This is my current project. Everything was just embroidered, each piece gathered and stacked, still neatly in order. Now it's ready to take over to the regular sewing machine for the final sewing and finishing with trims. I couldn't be more pleased with how helpful this is.



MOVEABLE

As I just mentioned, trays can be carried from one station to the next or if you have several, make one for each specific work station and leave each in place. Whatever works for you is great!



POSITION

The tray can be placed in between machines (pic'd below) so that your most needed tools are close by! or easily moved when needed (pic'd above).





I am finding something simple like these plates,
has already made me more organized!
That equals more time for designing! sewing! & creating! ♥

If you can't find similar plates as I have displayed and still want to get more organized- consider a wooden serving tray or maybe an old picture frame that could be repurposed with your tools. Just something to have to place your tools on and keep things close by and neater.

Maybe you have a sentimental family baking dish or family tray that is just collecting dust. USE IT! Carefully position it somewhere safely on your work table and just be gentle with it.

You will love seeing it and having that special item nearby, day after day!
Your sewing room should be your happy place! Fill it with things you LOVE!



EMBROIDERY ITEMS

If you loved seeing my embroidery work throughout this tutorial, the lace doilies are from:

* TattedFlower Doily (item: FTNOA 0123)*

The mauve and white ones were embroidered when originally designed in 2010 (they really held up over time!)

The light aqua one was embroidered more recently (end summer Sept 22.)

The color change really brightened up the area and makes me happy to see!

The pattern weights were created and embroidered recently. They are not only useful but super cute! They are the little extras from:

* Craft It! (item FTNOA 0601)*

The machine cover featured on one of my embroidery machines was from

* Craft Room (item FTNOA 0588)*

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