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DIY DESK ORGANIZER



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Prepare for the new school year, or simply revitalize your at-home workspace! Spend some time considering your repurposed materials in order to design an organizer specific to your space and needs.

RECOMMENDED AGE/SKILL LEVEL:

Recommended for 5+ with assistance in cutting and using hot glue.

MATERIALS

- 3+ pieces of clean, discarded food packaging or containers (ie: boxes, jars, cardboard rolls, tin cans, etc.)
- Scissors or X-acto knife
- Glue (ie: hot glue, glue stick, tacky glue, Mod Podge etc.)
- Decorative elements (ie: construction paper, stickers, washi tape, fabric, magazine cutouts, etc.)
- Wood, flat corrugated cardboard, or other solid surface to use as a base



INSTRUCTIONS

- Collect and arrange your cardboard containers. Use scissors to clean up any rough edges and cut optional angles into the container openings.
- Play with the arrangement of the containers in order to prototype different organizer layouts.

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- Add any decorative color that you'd like before gluing anything down permanently. Paint, decoupage, or sticker the surfaces.
OPTIONAL: Try using fabric, burlap, or craft foam to decorate with added texture. Add ribbon, paint marker, or tape to the edges of cardboard for a more finished look.
NOTE: Paint may slightly warp thin cardboard.



- If you're using a cardboard base, cut it to a size that will fit all of your containers, using scissors or an X-acto knife. If your base is wood, consider painting or decoupage the surface.
- Glue the individual containers onto the base using a generous amount of hot, craft, or tacky glue. Allow to dry.
- Grab your art, office, or school supplies-- you are now ready to organize your desk!



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