

20 TIPS FOR

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in her studio

Just Between Artists

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1. Create a kit containing your favorite tools and materials in a vintage suitcase, tote, basket, or box. Something you can quickly grab when you're ready to work and easily stow away when you're finished!
— @artfullyvintage
2. Don't just equip your space; *fill it with your style* and things of your heart.
— @keerslindy
3. Open shelving! Putting things away in cabinets and closets may look neater, but I could never find anything.
— @spidermommy
4. It's the same advice for living, and it's so hard, but it's the real key to happiness: *Bloom where you're planted!*
— @ochervelvet
5. All you need is a table of your own, even if it's a tray table.
— @thecircleofgratitude
6. Vertical storage!
— @hobbyparentartist
7. Use both open and closed storage containers, as those that are all open can be visually busy and a bit too stimulating. Remember, small can be calming.
— @inspiromixedmedia
8. I live in a tiny 22-foot camper and use my dining table for art. My supplies are in pretty tins and containers from thrift stores and dollar stores. I leave most things out, but I have a small metal locker for storing art supplies that fits under my table.
— @pamaries52
9. *Have a place for everything,* keep all your bits 'n bobs on display so you can use them easily, and use a tray to hold your current project so you can take it to the lounge room or the veranda whenever the mood hits.
— @bitsabliss3

10. Organization is the key — everything at your fingertips! And good music!
— @susanne2255
11. Keep your table neat, have two or three bins or bags nearby to throw away garbage or recyclables, and save leftover papers for future projects. *Good lighting and air circulation are also important*, and a comfortable seat is vital for a small area.
— @helencdjamieson
12. My studio was a sailboat for years, but now I'm a landlubber with what I think is a very big space. No matter where you are, it's what's inside that counts.
— @dlarsonpaints
13. Surround yourself with beauty ... always.
— @kathifogleman
14. All you need is a small wooden table with a drawer containing a box of watercolors, *your favorite paintbrush*, a small porcelain glass for water resting on the desk, a fern, old sheets of paper yellowed by time, a small fountain that relaxes the mind, and a window where beautiful light shines through.
— @lucyoak_art
15. Fill it only with things you love to keep the energy of the space flowing, and you will be more likely to create.
— @jennpipe
16. Pick a space where the light *inspires you*, gather 5–10 of your favorite art supplies so you are not overwhelmed, and then play.
— @pattyfahlstrom
17. The key is to create a haven, an escape, in whatever style speaks to you. Although small, fill it with the things you love, and then allow your creativity to flow.
— Elizabeth Sharp
18. I have moved to using more open and transparent storage. I need to see it, or I forget I have it. It is also more inspiring to see all the colors.
— @dollysfollie
19. Begin with what you have, no matter how little that may seem to be or how imperfect it may appear. *Make it yours and only yours ...* your safe place! Also make a portable studio for those creative journeys on the fly. Be satisfied to begin with whatever you have, because gratitude makes all creative things bloom.
— @somefromnone
20. No matter the size, make it a space you love and are happy to be in.
— @li.la.o