

Learn More about Mixed Media Artists: planning an Art Studio



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How do artists organize their art studios when working with a variety of art materials?

Painter and printmaker Celia Reisman spreads her work all over her house, in her garage, and in her basement.

Painter, printmaker and sculptor Stacie Speer Scott sorts various materials in zip lock baggies and plastic bins and files them in her large one room art studio.

Painter and Curator Rob Evans keeps his studio very orderly, with a special table for paints and paintbrushes and a lighted corner for his easel.

Some artists have studios that are open to the public, like the Banana Factory in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, Virginia. Other artists have private workspaces in their homes or on their property. Some studios, like local painter Linda Guenste's, are in a barn. Other studios are in warehouses, sheds, tree houses, and even out of doors.

Think about the space in your house you use as an "art studio". It may be a kitchen counter, a table, a bedroom desk, or the picnic table outdoors. You may share a creative space with a family member, or you may even have an art studio of your own.

Pretend you are an artist. Design your ideal studio space. Think about a work surface, an easel, a sink, and any special work equipment you may need. Think about storing all your art supplies. Think about lighting, privacy, and ventilation (making sure the air in the studio can be fresh and clean).

Create a drawing or a model of your perfect art studio space. If you are making a drawing, consider using graph paper to help you measure out the room dimensions, shelves and furniture and keep the lines straight. You may also be able to design your studio using your favorite 3D design computer program.



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To learn more about Stacie Speer Scott, visit

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