

the create room journey

GET ORGANIZED

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED, HERE ARE A FEW TIPS -

Follow these steps in order. There is a proven method to the sequence.

Don't shop ahead. Don't go buy a bunch of items and organize into them; yes, not even our Dreambox and totes. Let's first assess what you need. Organizational furniture and bins should be purchased once you know what you are trying to contain and in what quantity.

Don't get overwhelmed. This is a large project. If you have ten years worth of projects and supplies, you will not get it done in a few hours. But you can chunk it into segments. Set **CREATE** goals with realistic slots of time. This will allow you to take breaks and celebrate small successes.

Get inspired. Watch videos on our YouTube channel or consult Pinterest for craft room makeovers. Ground yourself by recalling your creative purpose and why creating is so meaningful for you.

We are here to help. If you are going through this organization process with a Dreambox, and you get stuck or have a question, call or chat with one of our furniture experts.

OK, now you are set for success. Let's get started!

My name: _____

My core creative purpose: _____

My hopes and desires for my craft haven: _____

1. PREPARE

Identify your crafting location.

Start by assessing your current state. This will help you understand what is lacking, how to take the next steps, and ultimately how to find success. Answer the following questions based on your current situation.

YES NO

- I have one dedicated place to craft
- I have sufficient table space
- I have easy access to my tools and materials
- I have adequate storage
- It is easy for me to take an inventory of all my tools and materials with a quick glance
- I feel inspired in the environment where I create

We recommend having one dedicated crafting place, where your tools and materials are in view and within reach. Start by identifying a dedicated crafting location, working with what you have available.

Where will your new craft haven reside? _____

Give yourself a tidy space.

Stop here. Before you move onto the next step, go to the space where your craft haven will reside. Clean up and get it ready for organization! Get everything, including furniture, out of the way. It's best to start with a clean space to work.

2. GATHER AND SORT

Gather it all up.

Put a check mark next to every place your craft supplies might be hiding. Once you've retrieved all the items from a specific location, cross it off. When you're finished, all of your crafting tools, materials and machines from all over the house should be in your designated crafting location.

- Bedroom
- Office
- Basement
- Kitchen
- Garage
- Laundry Room
- Family Room
- Craft Room
- Spare Bedroom
- Other _____

Power sort all items.

With everything spread out and visible, group the individual items into larger categories by craft activity. For example, kids crafts, sewing, painting, home DIY, etc. Then further sort each craft activity pile by types of materials.

Determine what stays and what goes.

For this step, you'll want a garbage bin and recycling box nearby. Go through each craft activity pile and decide which tools and materials you will keep, throw away or donate. Take consideration as to how frequently you actually use the materials and be honest with yourself. Identify duplicates. Use this structure for guidance.

Craft activities I do most often: _____

Craft activities I do sometimes: _____

Craft activities I do rarely: _____

Craft activities I hope to do more: _____

3. DESIGN YOUR INSPIRING WORKSPACE

Now that you have a clear understanding of your crafting tools and materials, it's time to plan out the space. This isn't just any space, it's your new command central. It should be an integration of a work table with all of your supplies in view and within reach.

Here is some guidance to help you plan.

Size and shape of your table - How much workspace do you need? Determine this by laying out the supplies and tools for a typical craft project on your kitchen table. Perhaps you want an L or U shape configuration. Do you like to stand or sit while you work? Do you want room to invite others to craft with you?

Storage and organization system - How will you organize? Will you design a system yourself or purchase one? Write down specific ideas of how you will store your materials. As you plan, remember these 5 best practices: (1) use totes as drawers (not stacked bins) (2) use right-sized totes for your supplies (3) use totes with subdivisions (4) use transparent totes (5) use wall space as organization.

Map it out.

As Plato said, we should create our future spiritually before we create it physically. That is, try to envision and plan the space first. To help you, if you plan to buy a Dreambox, we created this Dreambox planogram. It will help you figure out how to best store everything, to save time and to make sure you have enough storage.

TIPS:

Designate the areas in closest reach for your most used tools and supplies.

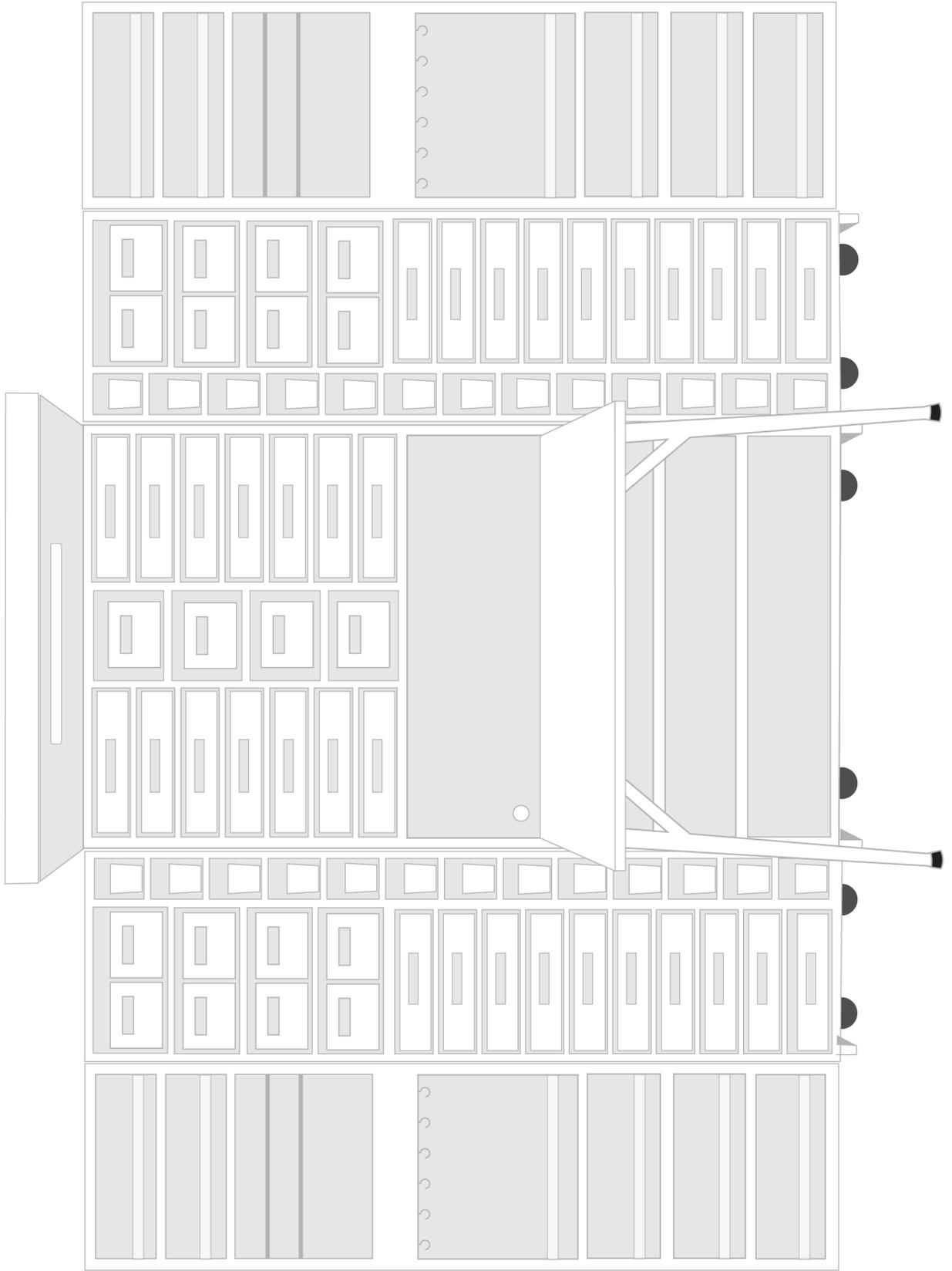
Save space at eye level, front and center, for things you love to look at, your inspiration.

If you have kids or grandkids, reserve the higher areas for materials you want out of their reach.

Put the things you need less frequent access to below the table.

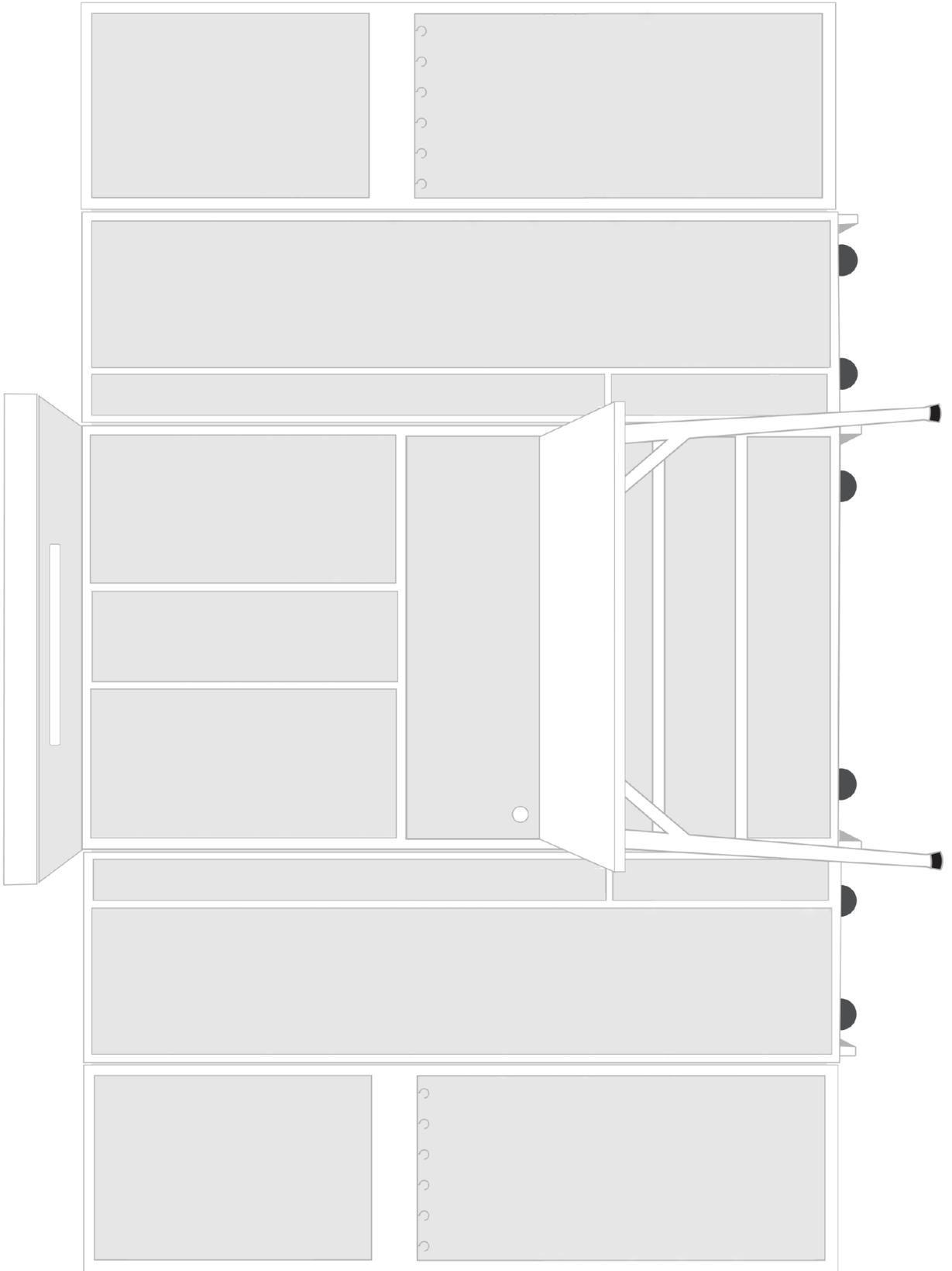


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4. MOVE IN

Time for the fun part! Check off each step as you've completed it.

Fill the totes

Refer to your plans and remember to use the right sizes for your craft supplies. Adjust the DreamBox (or other shelves) to the appropriate height to not waste a single inch of space. Remember, the more efficiently you store your supplies, the more you can fit. This means more craft activities to enjoy!

Make it yours

What inspires you? Some crafters love to surround themselves with bright bold color. Others love a sophisticated luxe look. A vast majority want to keep it simple and functional. What's your style?

Labels if you love them

Some desire extra clarity. Labeling ensures you'll know quite quickly where your stuff is stashed. We suggest adhesive sleeves with paper inserts. You can print out your descriptions in your favorite font. This maintains a consistent look and you can change them as needed.

A fully functioning space

What do you need to add to make your space fully functional? Need power? Position an outlet strip at the back of your table space. Make sure it has USB ports as well. Adhere it to the wall to get it off of your tabletop. We recommend a tablet holder to get your device off of your desk as well. For a luxe crafting experience, use surround sound speakers. If you have a DreamBox, see the Power Package.

Celebrate and share your space!

Congrats! You have arrived. Share your space with others. You have the power to motivate others to create room for more crafting joy and peace in a haven just like yours.