



# How to Reclaim Your Sewing Space with Ease and Grace

## FUNCTION IS THE FIRST PRIORITY

### #1 Organize your thoughts on paper

Create a visual map of how you would like your space to look and function. Close your eyes and visualize yourself in action within the freshly rearranged space. What does it look like? Now, sketch it out and label the components.

### #2 Divide and conquer

Divide the space into four even quadrants and begin sorting and grouping like items together. Corral smaller items in zippy bags and larger items in laundry baskets or boxes. When you fill up a container, move it into the respective quadrant.

### #3 Remove unrelated items from the space

Sort items which are not related to sewing into three piles: throwaway, giveaway or repurpose and then clear them from the space.

## BEAUTY IS THE SECOND PRIORITY

### #4 Focus on one quadrant at a time

Arrange and position items within each quadrant neatly and in a logical order. As you work through this process the natural beauty of organization will unfold before your very eyes. It is important to complete one area at a time.

### #5 Color block and label as you go

Coordinating baskets, bins and jars can be used to contain like items for quick recognition. Repurpose whenever possible and label everything as you go. Download a set of free Sewspire themed labels [here](#).

### #6 Reference your map often

Stay on track and reference your map often. Keep map changes to a minimum or you may risk becoming overwhelmed. To maintain momentum you should plan a mini reward for yourself and indulge when you have completed the project.

## FINE TUNE THE FUNCTION & BEAUTY

### #7 How does the space feel?

A functional space will feel good. How does your area make you feel? Inspired? Ready to create? Great! Your work is done. Still not quite satisfied? Maybe a change of scenery is in order. Take a little walk and clear your mind.

### #8 Come back to the space and reevaluate

If the space feels cluttered, identify the source of the clutter and consider other ways in which to sort, reduce or eliminate the items entirely.

### #9 Shop accordingly

Add lighting, storage and decorative accents last. Be absolutely certain you have a very specific purpose in mind before purchasing. For creative sewing room storage solutions and ideas click [here](#).