

WHERE TO FIND STUFF FOR MAKING AND SHOWING ART AND CRAFTS

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FREE/CHEAP STUFF:

- FabMo
 - www.fabmo.org
 - 2423 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View, 94043,
 - FabMo diverts materials such as fabric, carpet and wallpaper samples, from their otherwise destination, the landfill, and makes them available for creative reuse by anyone interested. They collect a weekly truckload and hold a "Selection Event" 3 days a month. Their fabrics can't be sold as they are, but projects made from them are frequently sold as part of fundraising for non-profits or to support individual initiatives. There is no direct charge for most items; though donations are strongly encouraged to keep this effort going. They put great emphasis on replenishing stock regularly throughout the selection event, so those coming toward the end are still seeing fresh materials. Check their website to find out the date of the next selection event.
- SCRAP
 - www.scrap@scrap-sf.org
 - 801 Toland St., San Francisco: enter the warehouse on Newcomb Ave, between Toland and Selby.
 - (415)-647-1746
 - SCRAP is a non-profit creative reuse center, materials depot, and workshop space founded in 1976 in San Francisco, California. SCRAP breathes new life into old objects and reduces waste by diverting over 200 tons of materials heading to landfill every year. Donations of quality re-usable materials such as textiles, buttons, paper, craft and office supplies, plastics, and wood are collected from businesses, institutions, and individuals then sorted and made available to teachers, parents, artists, and organizations. The community depends on SCRAP as the place to find all manner of materials for educational programs, creative projects, and their classrooms. By offering low cost supplies, creative reuse workshops, volunteer opportunities, educational field trips, art exhibitions, and more SCRAP gives students of all ages the opportunity to learn and pass on the value of creative reuse.
 - Open: Monday through Saturday, from 9am to 5pm.
- Garage Sales – especially fabric, random stuff for assemblages and collages
- Mail – especially the insides of expensive envelopes, invitations
- Boxes – great source of cardboard of different kinds
- Parking lots, gutters, trails – lots of interesting smashed, rusted, natural stuff useful for assemblages and collages
- Thrift stores such as Goodwill, American Cancer Society Discovery Shops

LOCAL ART/CRAFT STORES:

- Sunnyvale Art Gallery
 - 251 W El Camino Real Sunnyvale, CA 94086; (408) 737-8188
 - www.sunnyvaleartgallery.com
- University Art
 - 456 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126; 408-297-4707
 - www.universityart.com

- Accent Arts: Accent Arts
 - 392 S California Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306; PH: (650) 424-1044
 - www.accentartscatalog.com
- Cranberry Hill Mercantile
 - 1014 W El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087; 408-736-9151
 - www.cranberryhillmercantile.com
 - Scrapbooking supplies: stamps, paper, tools, stickers
- Aaron Bros.
 - www.aaronbrothers.com
- Michael's
 - www.michaels.com

ART/CRAFT STORES FARTHER AFIELD:

- Hobby Lobby
 - 990 Cochrane Plaza, Morgan Hill, CA 95037; 408-776-7608
 - www.hobbylobby.com
- FLAX
 - 1699 Market St San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 552-2355
 - www.flaxart.com
- Mendel's
 - 1556 Haight Street San Francisco, CA 94117 415-621-1287; sales@mendels.com
 - www.mendels.com

OTHER STORES:

- Brytex Fabrics:
 - 146 Geary St., San Francisco CA 94108; 415.392.2910 HUGE Selection; full price
 - www.britexfabrics.com
- Clay Planet:
 - Ceramic supplies
 - 1775 Russell Ave Santa Clara, CA 95054; (408) 295-3352
 - www.clay-planet.com
- Kelly Paper
 - 4227 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA. 94303; (650) 494-1408
 - 1700 Duane Ave., Santa Clara, CA. 95054; (408) 654-9909
 - www.kellypaper.com
- Office Depot
- TAP Plastics
 - 312 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041; 650.962.8430
 - www.tapplastics.com
- For interesting paper (origami, rice) and art supplies try Japanese stationary stores
 - Maido in Santana Row
 - www.mymaido.com

FRAMING:

- www.americanframe.com
 - Can upload your artwork and try out different mats and frames online
- Aaron Brothers: often has very good sales (like Buy 1, Get the 2nd for 1 cent)

- Lumber stores: buy lengths of molding and then mitre-cut and finish yourself
- Clearance sales of framed artwork at Department Stores such as Macy's
- Discount stores often have framed pictures/posters at a very low price. Take out the picture in the frame and use the frame, mat, etc. for your own work.
 - TJ Maxx Home Store – usually has a large variety and number
 - Ross
 - Marshall's
 - Tuesday Morning
 - Big Lots
- Garage sales

ART PHOTOGRAPHER:

ON-LINE:

- www.dakotaartstores.com
- www.cheapjoes.com
- www.artsupplywarehouse.com
- www.danielsmith.com
- www.utrechtart.com; www.dickblick.com ; Stores in Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco