

WHERE TO FIND STUFF FOR MAKING ART AND CRAFTS

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This information was compiled on 6/1/20; check the websites for updated information. The businesses open for online and/or phone shopping with shipping and/or curbside pickup are in purple font.

If you discover any errors in the following information, or would like to add information, please contact Marilyn. Do so by returning to the VAM home page and clicking on her link given under the heading: VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP.

FREE/CHEAP STUFF:

- FabMo: Closed temporarily due to COVID-19
 - www.fabmo.org
 - 1240 Birchwood Dr Suite 2, Sunnyvale, CA 94089; (650) 282-6548
 - 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 Closed temporarily due to COVID-19
 - [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 Friday, from 10am to 6pm; Saturday 10am 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:

- University Art
 - Both sites are temporarily closed due to COVID-19, but online shopping is available as is curbside pick-up of orders placed by phone or email (info@universityart.com)
 - Has a store in Redwood City and in Sacramento; check the website for addresses and phone numbers
 - www.universityart.com

- Cranberry Hill Mercantile
 - Temporarily closed due to COVID-19
 - 510 E. El Camino Real, Suite B, Sunnyvale, CA 94087; (408) 736-9151
 - Mon-Sat 10-6
 - <http://www.stamponover.com>
- Michael's
 - All stores are closed due to COVID-19 for in-store shopping; shop online for home delivery, curbside pick-up; or shipping
 - www.michaels.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
 - Online shopping for shipping and many locations open for in-store and curbside pick-up
- TAP Plastics
 - Numerous locations including San Jose; 1212 The Alameda San Jose, CA 95126; 408.292.8685; email: tap13@tapplastics.com
 - Order ahead by phone or email for curbside pickup
 - www.tapplastics.com

ON-LINE:

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

- 117 Post Street in Union Square San Francisco, CA 94108; 415.392.2910
- HUGE Selection; full price
- www.britexfabrics.com

FRAMING:

- www.americanframe.com
 - Can upload your artwork and try out different mats and frames online
 - Open for online ordering
- 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