

GARAGE SALES

New Homes for Crafts

Unused Supplies Can Draw Shoppers Looking for Value and Variety

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That interest reflects how many Americans create at home. The trade group Association for Creative Industries has long tracked the reach of crafting in the United States, and major retailers continue to devote store space to sewing, knitting, paper crafts and art materials. At a garage sale, those same categories can stand out because shoppers can see what is available at a glance and often buy several related items at once.

PRACTICAL APPEAL

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EASY TO BROWSE

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creative materials. Shoppers are more likely to stop when similar items are grouped together, such as yarn by color, fabric by size or paint supplies in one box with brushes, palettes and unopened bottles nearby.

Clear sorting also helps people judge condition quickly. Scrapbooking supplies, for example, often sell better when stickers, paper packs

and punches are separated instead of mixed together in a large bin.

TOOLS ALSO MATTER

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replacement cost of those items.

Sewing-related goods may be especially noticeable because they connect to a long American tradition of home making and repair. Buttons, thread, trim and patterns can remind shoppers that useful materials do not have to be new to serve a purpose.

For sellers, hobby items can also tell a friendly story about a household. A table with neatly arranged craft goods suggests care, thrift and creativity, all qualities that fit naturally with the community spirit many garage sales aim to share.

Condition still counts. Dried-out paint, incomplete kits or heavily tangled yarn may be less appealing, while unopened packages and clearly labeled bundles can help buyers feel confident about what they are taking home.

In many neighborhoods, garage sales work best when they match buyers with things they can use right away. Unused creative materials fit that pattern well because they are familiar, easy to transport and often ready for a second life in another home, classroom or workshop.

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TIPS AND TRICKS

Crafts Go Together

Bundle related items together, such as yarn with needles or paper with stickers, so shoppers can picture a project and make one easy purchase.

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