

A sewer always has a wide range of fabrics available with them most of the time. These fabrics need to be stored properly so they can be taken out without any difficulty as and when needed.

Before setting up the actual fabric storage area, it is important to determine the way in which the fabric storage needs to be organised i.e. the fabric storage theme.

The fabrics can be categorised as follows for the storage purpose:

Colour Or Colour Tones

Fabrics can be stored by colours or colour tones. For example, Blues, Reds, Browns, Whites or Creams etc. By Pastels, Mediums or Darks

Styles Or Types

Fabrics can be stored by styles or types. For example, by printed or yarn dyed. By plaid, abstracts, floral, dots, stripes, occasional, holiday, toile or contemporary graphics etc.

Texture Or Construction

Fabrics can be stored by texture or construction. For example, cotton, linen, silk, rayon, polyester or wool etc. By denim, twill, canvas, poplin, corduroy, sheeting, satin etc.

Purpose

Fabrics can be stored by purpose for which they have to be used. For example, fashion clothing, uniforms, office clothing, evening wear etc.

Once the storage theme is decided from one of the above, then comes the actual setting up of the fabric storage area. With a dedicated craft room, storage space is probably not a concern. But the mere nature of fabric, being pliable and prone to wrinkling, makes storage a challenge even if space is plentiful.

The following are some way of organising the fabric storage area:

- Fabrics can be placed on shelves



- Fabrics can be kept in meticulously labelled wire drawers



- A dresser, minus the drawers, can be painted and turned into open shelving for fabric storage



- Fabrics can also be stored on a curtain rod, using curtain rings with clips attached



- Fabrics can be stored on bolts



- Fabrics can also be stored in mini-bolts made out of plastic board



- Fabric can also be stored in a combination of bolts and jars, arranged artfully on a shelf



- Fabrics can also be literally filed away on hanging file folders where they are really visible



- Folded fabrics can also be stored nicely into wall-mounted plate racks or mail racks



- Smaller amounts of fabrics can also be stored in large Ziploc bags as well as Apothecary jars

