

Organizing Pens And Pencils



Are you or your family/roommates always hunting for a pen, pencil, or marker when you need one? I certainly got tired of it. So now I have a container of pens and pencils in several different locations where I always seem to need a pen or pencil – or even a pair of scissors. ~Grin~

I personally have three current main areas where I seem to frequently, if not always, need a pen or pencil.

The first main area that I (personally) end up needing pens and pencils is in my home office. I have one mug that just has various pens and pencils in it. Another mug beside it has my favorite highlighters, a couple pairs of scissors, and a hole punch in it. Since I've managed to run out a couple of highlighters this year, I now have room to add my ruler to the mug. And then I also have a decorative container (given to me by my Mom) that has most of my colored markers in it, since my home office also has my crafts area in it. The mugs are older mugs that provide fond memories of specific events over the years.

The second main area where I end up needing pens and pencils is in the kitchen. Not only do I need to scribble notes regarding recipes, shopping, and other kitchen stuff, but that is where one of the house phones is located. So beside a memo block is another old mug with mostly pens and some pencils. (I used to have them in an old high school plastic cup until it fell apart. ~grin~) And I also have some bold permanent markers, a few highlighters, and a couple pairs of scissors beside that in a small round tin that some food or something came in. It's a cute design, but it's been so long now that I can't remember what was in it. Our family **has** to keep a lot of pens in that location, because somehow they sprout legs and walk to other areas of the house (and even hide in pants pockets) otherwise. ~grumble, grumble~ Your family may well be able to just use one container in this area.

My last main area is in the Living Room by my recliner. I love doing puzzles and sometimes even get article ideas while relaxing, so I've learned to keep a pencil, several pens (they sometimes get tucked into a puzzle book ~hee, hee~) and also a pair of scissors in the area. I have a basket that I keep my puzzle books in, along with some munchies. I just tuck my pens, pencil, and scissors into a corner of the basket so that I can easily find them when I need them.

And I keep one or two pens in my purse along with a notepad so I can make notes when I'm out and about, or can mark items off my shopping list. My purse has an outside pocket (purchased specifically with that requirement) to hold both items.

I used to also read in bed and do puzzles in bed. I've gotten out of that habit over the last several years. Instead, now I just fall asleep in my recliner. ~LOL~ So I no longer need to keep a container for pens and pencils in that location.

Stop and consider where you are regularly at when you need a pen or pencil, a marker, or a pair of scissors. Find a container you enjoy – mug, plastic cup, glass cup, toothbrush holder, jar, decorative tin, etc. If it's tall enough to hold your items up where you can easily reach them, it qualifies. Use as many containers as you need for that location. Repeat throughout your home as needed. Keep them stocked, and you are all set to have a pen, pencil, or pair of scissors ready when you need them.

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