DIY Knife Block

Turn an Old Knife Block Into a Craft Caddy

Kitchen Accessories

Just a Drill and Bit
All you need is a drill and a drill bit!

It's Hard, Isn't It?

It's hard sometimes when you read a blog. There are all these great projects, but many of them require you to have things you don't own or can't afford to buy.

But turning old knife blocks into a craft caddies is one of the *easiest* projects you'll ever do because it doesn't require much. And you can do it in 1 hour!

Two-hole Straps
Find these at the hardware store for a couple dollars!

1
OLD KNIFE BLOCK
Find one at the thrift store for a few bucks, or use an old one that you own already!

2
POWER DRILL
Drilling to hold crayons? Use a 3/8 drill bit or one that fits your materials.

3
PAINT
Choose a vibrant color that will make your DIY knife block "POP"!

Use Anything!
Great for crayons, makeup brushes, knitting needles, and more!

Materials List

- Old knife block

- Power drill

- 3/8 drill bit (when drilling for crayons). Use the size bit that's best for your own caddy.

- Paint

- Metal two-hole straps

- Wood shims

- Screws, nails, hammer

- Washi tape

  Click here to get more info about each material used.

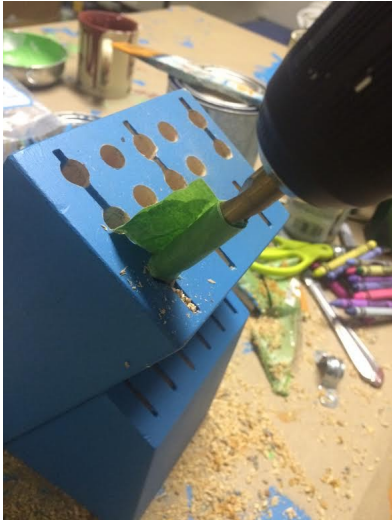 **CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE FOR STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS…**

HEY THERE!

I'm Serena, owner of Thrift Diving. Our mission is to help the "everyday" do-it-yourselfer become more confident to tackle creative projects around the home. Whether you're making a DIY knife block, painting old furniture from the thrift store, or trying to figure out how to hang your own crown molding, Thrift Diving will help you figure it out–with honesty, guidance, and (of course!), sometimes a bit of humor! Hit us up at ThriftDiving@gmail.com if you have *any* questions about your own projects (or if you just want to show off what you've created!). Thanks for reading!   *~Serena Appiah*

STEP 1: Paint and Drill

Map where you want to drill your holes.

When drilling, you'll want to map out where you want to place your holes. There are no

rules here other than try to keep the drill straight. Because of the knife slats, the wood can chip easily if you drill too fast. Go slow. Use the tape on the drill as a stop marker so you can keep the holes uniformly deep. I think 2″ is about good.

STEP 2: Cover Your Imperfections

Get colorful and creative.

Washi tape puts a creative touch to covering up any imperfections from drilling. Putting strips of it around the holes helped to cover the knife slots and distract from a poor drilling job. You can use scrapbook paper and decoupage it, or even duct
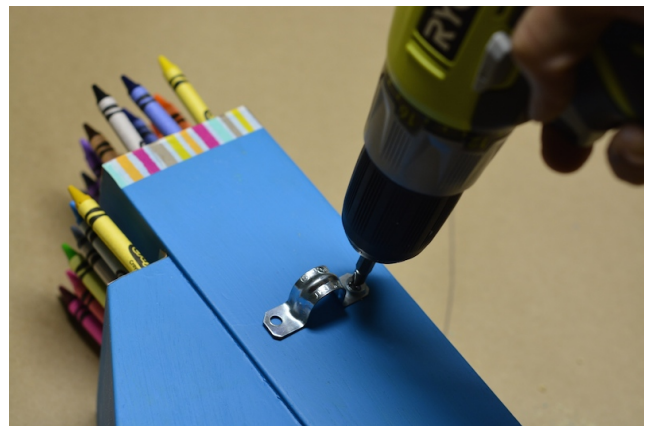

tape or fabric pieces to cover up the areas in between instead, as other options.

STEP 3: Add the Hardware

Add the two-hole straps.

Keep a steady hand. You might want to pre-drill a little hole so that it helps it easier to get the screw in. Get creative! Add the hardware wherever your little heart desires. Here, I added

one that would sit at an angle so the scissors would be angled, too.

"Anyone can be creative with the right instructions!"

STEP 4: Add the Little Foot Rest

Hold a lot more!

Yep, those paint brushes back there need a little foot rest to keep them from falling out. Or if you're holding some markers or pencils back there, they will fall out without a ledge to stop them. That's where the wood shim comes into place. Use a sharp pair of scissors or something and just score right through a thin piece of shim. Thankfully, most (if not all) knife blocks come with this little raised "butt" in back. It flips up and is just enough space to add a little wooden shim (you can even use an old paint stir. Then paint it to blend in with the rest of the crayon holder!

STEP 5: Add Awesome Craft Supplies!

And other things, too!

The following steps will help you create your own DIY knife block for holding all kinds of things, such as:

- Crayons

- Markers

- Knitting needles

- Crochet hooks

- Add skewers to hold spools of thread

- Makeup brushes

- Colored pencils, and more!

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