

## Sewing Space Refresh Checklist

### 1. Start Small

- ☐ Tidy one area first (a drawer, table corner, or bin)
- ☐ Remove any obvious trash or empty packaging
- ☐ Celebrate the quick win

### 2. Sort by Category

- ☐ Gather all fabric together
- ☐ Gather all notions/tools
- ☐ Gather WIPs/UFOs
- ☐ Gather patterns & books
- ☐ Keep like with like

### 3. Ask the Gentle Questions

- ☐ Do I still love this?
- ☐ Will I realistically use or finish this?
- ☐ Does this item inspire me—or weigh me down?
- ☐ Is this fabric still “me”?

### 4. Create Functional Zones

- ☐ Cutting Zone
- ☐ Sewing Zone
- ☐ Pressing Zone
- ☐ Project/WIP Zone
- ☐ Storage Zone (fabric, rulers, patterns)

### 5. Fabric & Quilt Storage

- ☐ Wrap yardage on fabric storage boards
- ☐ Sort fat quarters & precuts
- ☐ Bag or bin current projects
- ☐ Store finished quilts in quilt storage bags
- ☐ Label bins clearly

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### 6. Tools & Notions

- ☐ Sharpen or replace dull rotary blades
- ☐ Check markers/chalk for freshness
- ☐ Sort thread by type or color
- ☐ Organize rulers vertically or on hooks

### 7. Use Vertical Space

- ☐ Hang pegboards or hooks
- ☐ Add wall shelves if needed
- ☐ Clear off horizontal surfaces

### 8. Reset Your Workstation

- ☐ Clean your sewing machine
- ☐ Replace your needle
- ☐ Wipe down your cutting mat
- ☐ Empty your scrap bin

### 9. End With a Reset Ritual

- ☐ Choose one project to start the year with
- ☐ Put everything else in its zone
- ☐ Take a photo of your refreshed space!

**No judgment**—just honesty. Give yourself permission to let some things go. One trick I've used is to create a donate pile/box/tote – and once in a while I sort the tote into “bundles” of things that go nicely together. Tie them up with a ribbon and gift them to someone learning to stitch. It makes me happy when I can gift things I used to love to someone who can make good use of them.