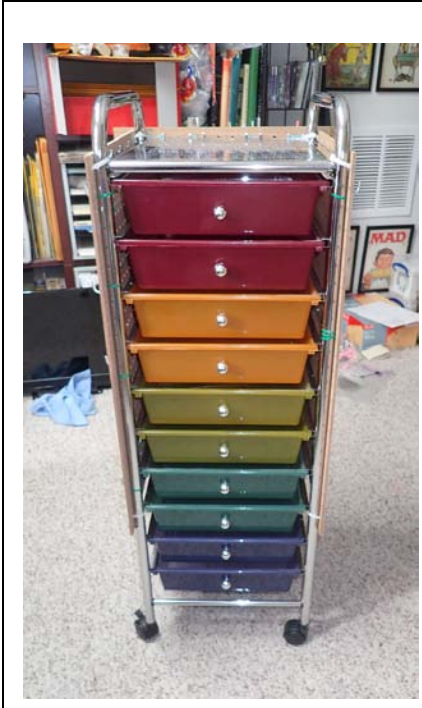


Storage – Storage – Storage by Dennis Stead

Winter will soon over but you still have time to start a winter project. My project is storage. And I just got it finished. Since I started fly tying 5 years ago, I have been accumulating more and more fly tying stuff. Four years ago, I came up with a nice storage cabinet for my fly tying stuff. Some of you might remember it.



This was a ten draw craft cabinet that you could buy at your local craft store for about \$30.00. I purchased a sheet of peg board from Lowes and attached it to the sides and back. The overall cost less than \$40.00.

I liked it so much, I build another.

As time went by, both units filled up. I then had to use tote bags, plastic containers to store the additional fly tying stuff I was purchasing.

When it came time to tie a certain fly, I knew I had the materials but sometimes just could not find it. Off to the Fly Shop to buy what I needed. Then a day or two later, I found the material I was looking for. Now I have doubled the supply. This started happening more and more. I had to do something. Then I thought about the Driscoll's Strawberry boxes that I was using for the MTFB DVD Library. They were strong, light weight, large, not too deep and interlocked with each other.



Look at that, 1/2 inch higher, 4 inches longer and 4 inches wider than my original storage draw. This would hold larger and more items.

This would be a great replacement storage draw. Its cost – ZERO.

OK, let us get started. What would I have to do and what materials would I need? First I had to find a large supply of these Driscoll's Strawberry boxes. That was easy. Sam's sells a lot of Driscoll's Strawberries. So every time I went to Sam's, I would get 3 or 4 boxes. Then I had to get a roll of packing tape and a tube of glue. That would cost me less than \$5.00. I cut cardboard strips from old boxes that you can find anywhere. The size approximately was 2 3/8" by 8 1/8".



Glue and clamp the cardboard strip to the ends on the inside. Cover the holes in the bottom of the packing tape. Do the taping to both sides. I did that to thirty-nine boxes. Start storing your Fly tying Stuff and label each box. And when you get finished it will look like this.





The boxes are easy to move and lift. If you have to move your fly tying to another area, you are ready to go. If you get thrown out of the house, just put a strap around each stack and take them with you.

If you leave the top box empty, when you bring some more fly tying stuff home, drop it in the top box. And store it later. When you get finished tying flies, put the left over fly tying materials in the top empty box and then later you can store it.

Maybe you just like to Fly Fish and do not tie flies. That is great. Maybe you tie flies but only the flies you fish with, then this is too much storage for you. But if you tie a lot of different flies, and just got to have the latest and greatest, or want one of each color and one of each type of materials, you are going to need something like this.

I hope you find this helpful.