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June 2018 - Organizing Your Tool Shop

Isn't it frustrating to go to the garage (or wherever you keep your tools) to reach for a hammer — and it can't be found?

Someone else used it and didn't put it back where it belongs. But, did you have a designated spot where it should be placed?

In honor of Father's Day 2018 on Sunday, June 17 and thinking of fathers everywhere, why not make today the day you will solve this problem once and for all!

Think about your tool shop space and what you would like to include there.

It's handy to have a pegboard and plenty of hooks, so your tools can hang out in the open, to be visible and easily accessible.

I found these storage organization ideas on Pinterest. It's a great place to search ideas!

Trace the tool outlines on the pegboard or label your tools there, so everyone knows exactly where items should be returned.

Tell all family members to please take just a moment to put things back into their proper places. Then, all items will be ready for the next project.

If you have special materials on hand, make sure they are clearly labeled and organized.

Proper shelving is helpful as well. You can get things organized vertically and provide fewer tripping hazards.

If you do light fix-it jobs, you can use less expensive tools, but if you are doing a lot of big projects, it is wise to invest in good quality tools. At least that's what my husband tells me, and that makes sense.

If you own several cordless tools, make sure your batteries are fully charged before you start your project.

If you have a serious handyman, then they might enjoy a large toolbox such as this:

Any of these would make a great Father's Day gift, if you are searching for one. For smaller budgets, a simple hand tool or heavy-duty extension cord would always be welcomed — just ask your special dad what he'd like the most.

You can place labels on your toolbox, and manufacturers provide inserts to help organize tools within each chest.

Here's to having an organized tool shop — and finding things where and when you need them!

Your local professional organizer,

Betty Huotari

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