

Fiber Spring Cleaning Checklist

BOOKS & PATTERNS

- Browse your bookshelves to see if there is anything you don't plan on using or reading again. Likely, you know a newer knitter who would love to expand their library!
- Printed patterns - take some time to sort through these and reorganize them.
 - If any are duplicates you will want to shred those that are.
 - Organize by those you want to knit and those you may never knit or no longer feel the same joy about.
 - For those that are the latter - double check your computer or Ravelry library that you have a PDF copy saved and when you do - shred/recycle the physical copy.
 - Now to decide how you want to store your hardcopy patterns. In a binder? Folder? Accordion folder? I store mine in 2 different ways. The projects I plan to make that year are in my favorite type of folders I keep in my main project bag so I have them with me to review at any time. Those that are on my future to make list are stored by category in an accordion folder - I purchased this one from [Amazon](#) and bought a few. I use them for storing receipts/bills, my knitting patterns, and contracts and other things I need to keep at the ready.

Please note that these links take you to shop on Amazon.

TOOLS & SUPPLIES

- Check the quality of your supplies.
- Do a quick check of your notions, cutting tools, and office supplies.
 - If anything is broken and unfixable (or if you have too many of something), let it go.
 - Dried-out pens, broken stitch markers and bent needles that you can no longer make work are not doing you any good, so clear them out!



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STORAGE TOOLS - FACTORY GIRL FAVORITES

- Needle storage: I use these cases to store my needles - 1 case for each needle size. So every US 7 needle - whether straight, circular, or double point - is all stored in this home for easy access.
- Favorite rotary blade for cutting fabric
- Storage for markers, pens, and writing tools for easy access.
- Storage Rack for thread spools and bobbins.

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PROJECTS/WIPS

- Gather all your WIPs (works in process) into one space so you can see them all together
- Sort your WIPs into 3 groups:
 - Love it and I'm finishing it!
 - Love the yarn, but time to frog!
 - Nope...over it!
- Do you have completed projects that are tucked away in closets and bins? Bring them out and find new homes for them where they can be admired and loved.

YARN STASH SORTING

- Sort by each tote, shelf, or drawer - do not dump everything as that can create anxiety having piles all over your floor. Repeat this until you have organized every stash tote.
- Sort into 3 sections:
 - Planned for a project
 - No project but I see possibilities
 - No project and not loving itAnything that falls into #3, place in an empty tote for next steps.



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DEEP CLEANING

- Wash your windows
- Clean and organize closets.
- Wash walls and touch up paint if necessary.
- Check and clean air vents and filters
- Clean and vacuum curtains or blinds.
- Vacuum carpet/rugs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Want more details on Spring Cleaning, check out this [blog post](#).

More tips on destashing and taming your stash, check out this article [here](#).

Handle with care and caring for your knits, [Factory Girl tips](#).

