

SEVEN CRAFT SUPPLIES YOU NEED TO EXPAND YOUR CRAFTING



If you have gotten the Top Five Craft Items and are ready to expand, here is my next list of must-haves for crafting.

1. Paper. In my original list, paper ranked number 1. It's at the top here again because paper is one of the most important elements of many crafts. It is helpful to keep a variety of colors, as well as patterns on hand. It is also handy to keep both copy paper weight and cardstock weight.

2. Paper cutter. Depending on the type of crafting you prefer, a paper cutter can be really handy. They can range from inexpensive straight cutters to those that also create fancy cuts. Know your needs before you buy so you don't end up with an expensive fancy cutter if all you really need are straight cuts. You also don't want to invest in a straight cutter if you really need something that can do more.

3. Glue Gun. A glue gun is useful for so many different types of crafts. Ideally find something that has a high and low setting. Make sure you also buy plenty of glue sticks. Did you know that you can buy colored glue sticks?

4. Writing Materials. Pens, markers, colored pencils, and even crayons are handy when crafting. There are endless types of each of these. Any types will work for different crafts, but as you hone your craft, you will want to choose a writing utensil that is the right quality for whatever crafting you are focused on. It is always better to start with entry-level before moving up to expensive, high-quality items.

5. Embellishments. This supply also depends on the area of crafting that becomes your focus. Embellishments that are handy for a variety of crafts are washi tape, buttons, ribbons, sequins, glitter, and beads.

6. Foam core. Foam core is thick posterboard. Not only is it useful for many different crafts, but it can also make a great work surface, particularly if you don't have a dedicated craft space or if you are doing a messy craft. It's light and portable and can be cut to size easily.

7. Laminator. This is not a necessity, but it is a very handy tool to have in your craft arsenal. I love my laminator. I use it to make bag tags, bookmarks, and to protect and preserve various arts. *Lazy crafting substitute:* clear packing tape. It's not as sturdy as laminating, but it works.

Ready to put these items to use? Check out these projects.

Bag tags: <https://lazycrafting.com/bag-tags/>

Happy Birthday Banner: <https://lazycrafting.com/happy-birthday-banner/>

DIY Marker Storage: <https://lazycrafting.com/marker-storage/>



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