

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

### CONNECT.

How do you stay organized at school and at home? Are there products or tools you use to keep track of your belongings or store everything in one place?

### INVESTIGATE.

Take a seat wherever you usually work at home and then look around. What items do you generally use when you're doing your work—whether it's your homework or a personal project? Do you ever have problems keeping them organized? Jot your ideas in the chart below.



Item	Organizational Issue
<i>Example: Markers</i>	<i>Example: I can never find the color I want!</i>

Thankfully you already have a brand-new Desk Organizer to use as a starting point. Let's make the most of it!

#### You'll need:

- Your Desk Organizer
- Fabric
- Scissors
- Plastic insert cups
- Velcro
- Cardboard
- Super glue
- Craft sticks
- Command™ hooks

1. First, brainstorm how you could use your new Desk Organizer to solve at least one of your organizational problems. Experiment with different ideas until you're happy with one that works!
2. Then consider how you could use the materials above to *add* to your Desk Organizer and get even more organized. Experiment with the items you want to organize and the materials in the list above to see what works best. For instance:
  - Could you use the fabric and super glue to make a pocket that holds loose pencils and pens?
  - Could you wrap your headphones around a Command™ hook?
  - Could you use the plastic cups to separate your markers or crayons by color?
3. Try to think through solutions to at least three of your organizational issues.

### INNOVATE.

Now make these changes to your Desk Organizer so that it's specially designed to help you stay as organized as possible!

#### You'll need

- Your Desk Organizer
- The materials that you gathered in the *Investigate* section
- Paint
- Paintbrush

1. Start with your biggest organizational issue and the solution you brainstormed. Then think about where and how you could add this solution to your Desk Organizer, and give it a try. Be sure to also add the item(s) that you're hoping to organize so you can make sure your idea works as planned!
2. Once you're happy with the addition, continue to create and add your other solutions.
3. Take a step back and consider how you could help each new element better blend into the Desk Organizer. For instance:
  - Could you paint everything the same color?
  - Could you cover something you won't use often with fabric?Be creative and use the paint, paintbrush, and your remaining materials to camouflage each new part.
4. Finally, place your Desk Organizer back in your work space and put it to the test! Continue to make tweaks until you feel as organized as possible.

