

# ART SUPPLY EXCHANGES

give and get supplies in the Chicago region

## *art + design + school supplies*

### **The Wasteshed**

is a storefront in Chicago that sells reclaimed art supplies at low prices. They accept donations, too. Their inventory includes fabric, notions, yarn, paint, stamps, pens, pencils, markers, canvases and much more. There's a teacher corner with free supplies for teachers. Check out their workshops on mending clothes, making crafts and more. They accept donations, too. Check out their workshops on mending clothes, making crafts and more. <http://www.thewasteshed.com/>

### **Zero Landfill Chicago**

provides surplus & outdated architectural and interior design samples for artists and arts educators at semi-annual exchanges in Chicago. Look for interesting fabric, wallpaper, tile, glass, metal, carpet, laminates and more. They also have binders, books, matboard and foamcore. More info: [www.zlfchicago.net](http://www.zlfchicago.net)

### **Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange (CCRx)**

accepts art supplies, office supplies and other materials, then donates them to Chicago teachers. In addition to office and art supplies, they share furniture, hardware, musical instruments and equipment. Check out their workshops, too. <https://www.creativechirx.org/>

### **Creative Pitch**

provides free art supplies to art educators, art therapists and other professionals in need. They offer graphic design supplies including crayons, pens, paper, paint, brushes, canvas, glue, scissors, rulers, clay and more. Donations are accepted. To receive supplies, apply on their website. [www.creativepitch.org](http://www.creativepitch.org)

### **Upcycling Colors**

collects used art, craft and school supplies and games (and suitcases!) that they clean, sort and distribute to schools and youth groups around the world. They have several drop off locations in Chicago. <https://upcyclingcolors.org/>

### **Joe's Garage**

is an occasional, pop-up art supply exchange for artists, craft-makers, teachers and anyone creating art. <http://animaliaproject.org/art-exchanges/>

### **SCARCE**

offers a wide range of supplies for schools, including art supplies, paper, furniture and books in Glen Ellyn, IL. Find out about making donations and getting materials for your school: <http://www.scarcecoed.org/rescue-programs/>

### **Brushwood Art Supply Exchange / BASE**

offers inexpensive art supplies, with discounts for educators and community partners, along with a tool library and open studio. They also accept donations. (Located in Riverwoods, IL in the Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve. <https://www.brushwoodcenter.org/About/BASE.html>

**HAVE ART SUPPLIES  
YOU DON'T NEED?**

**NEED ART SUPPLIES  
YOU DON'T HAVE?**

## *architectural materials*

### **ReBuilding Exchange**

sells salvaged building materials, large and small, including lumber, windows, drawer pulls, sinks, faucets, mirrors and lots more-- in Chicago.

[www.rebuildingexchange.org](http://www.rebuildingexchange.org)

### **ReStore Chicago**

sells donated (often new) building supplies, furniture and appliances-- in Chicago. Sales benefit Habitat for Humanity and their work to build homes in Chicago.

<https://www.habitatchicago.org/restore>

### **Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse**

sells a wide variety of salvaged building materials, including lumber, flooring, windows, plumbing and lots more-- in Evanston.

[www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org](http://www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org)

### **Horigan Urban Forest Products**

sells wood from the urban forest. They have lumber salvaged from storm- and insect-damaged trees; species include ash, maple and other trees with beautiful grain. <http://horiganufp.com/>

## *useful things & oddities*

### **American Science & Surplus**

sells an always interesting variety of laboratory glass, electronic bits, science kits and other "incredible stuff" for "discovery and invention". It's fun to explore in their stores in Chicago, Milwaukee and the suburbs, and their online store.

<https://www.sciplus.com/>

### **Repurposed Materials**

sells a constantly changing inventory of industrial leftovers and oddities, including flooring from basketball courts, snowfencing, parachutes, bowling shoe sole rubber, giant brushes and more. It's fun to look at their site; they have warehouses in Kankakee and in other states.

<https://www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com>

### **Resource Center**

has lots of zero waste programs, including a recycling center. The home of Creative Reuse Warehouse, a resource for finding salvaged art and craft supplies.

<https://www.resourcecenterchicago.org/creativereusewarehouse>

### **Freecycle**

provides an online forum for members to exchange materials for free, with digital communities all over the world. <https://my.freecycle.org/>

### **Craigslist**

provides an online marketplace for people to buy and sell all kinds of things, with digital hubs around the world. <https://www.craigslist.org/about/sites>

### **Thrift Stores**

often have great materials for making art. Check out your local second-hand store!

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more information is available online at: [www.animaliaproject/art-exchanges](http://www.animaliaproject/art-exchanges)

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