

makerspace inspirations

functional and durable solutions

Libraries extend well beyond books these days. They are being reinvented to be the heart of a community and serve their patrons in many new ways. The programming and services that are offered in makerspaces and labs demand well thought out designs and furniture selections. 3branch's Maker Collection address all of the features that make a great makerspace! Consider these key features!

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adjustability - Table heights that can be quickly set for incoming children or adults between classes. Many prefer standing while they do creative maker work. Find tables that allow for adjustments on the fly.

space flexibility - Casters are a must and tables that can flip-top and nest off to the side are wonderful when wide open floor space is needed.









types of instruction - Consider program classes that require close-up work and provide the ability for small groups to be pulled in tight around a powered-up work station.

For large work spaces, 2 long tables can be rolled side-by-side allowing for over-sized project work to happen

power source & cord management -

Consider where the power is coming from. An overhead solution is brilliant but not always possible. If power is coming up from the floor, consider tables with built-in power or utilize wire chases to manage cords under tables.



surface selection - Laminates and butcherblock are common durable makerspace table surfaces. They can be cleaned with mild soap and water. Butcherblock can be refinished and resealed as necessary. Phenolic resin tops are perfect for more science specific lab work.





utility & storage - Plan ahead for the equipment and supplies that will be in the makerspace. Will engravers, printers, Cricuts, and sewing machines be used? This lab has a spot for everything around the periphery. Use height adjustable tables to allow children to see what happens in a 3D printer. Locking drawers and cabinets prevent supplies from being distracting and from walking away between classes.



customize your solutions - this sewing table prepped for shipping in our warehouse (therefore handles installed on the inside) is brilliantly designed to allow the user to pull up a stool underneath the table for sewing on one side while allowing for fabric storage on the other. The expansive surface area will support large quilting projects.

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