Back to School Organizing with CBTV Live

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(upbeat music) - Hey everybody, we're coming at you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays and it's is back to school time. Some of you may already have kids or friend's kids back into school. It may be a good time for you to just refresh your creative space or a corner of your kitchen where all of your office supplies and other things are kind of cluttered and need a little bit of attention. So I wanna share some of my favorite ideas that are easy to do regardless of your budget and your amount of time for whatever kind of creative space, a homework station, like I said, office organization, or even maybe a kitchen corner that needs a bit of attention. I've got a lot of things to show you. If you guys have questions let us know. These are some of my favorites, but of course, this could be adapted to whatever space that you need to organize. If you've been pretty much to any store right now, could be a home store, a craft store, or one of your big box kind of office supply stores, these little boards that are customizable with phrases and these click in letters are super popular. They have these little tiny plastic letters that just go into these like felt covered openings. And this is really fun if you are creating a little station you could put an inspirational quote. This one says Charlie's homework station. It's nice to define a space and if you wanna make a little sign, this one's easy, you can change it for the season, for your mood, or for the changing needs of the space. So check out your local store for something like this. I was able to pick this up in like the dollar area, I think it was about five bucks. But all of those stores, Target, JOANN, all of your favorite go-to stores will have some kind of fun seasonal items. Definitely check those areas out, 'cause that's where I picked up a lot of these fun things for office organization. So this is one of my favorite things to play with. A really quick and easy kind of solution to clutter is getting some kind of tray. This one happens to be a drink tray. And some small coordinating little cups and containers for all of your basic supplies. I've got markers and crayons, scissors, eraser, pencils, little notes here, reading tabs, and of course, washi tape. Having all of this stuff in an organized fashion somewhere where you can easily access it makes it really clean and kind of takes out the like searching for the pencil when you need to get down to do some note taking, maybe you're writing out a schedule, or if you are creating a homework station, this is very inviting for someone, a child, to come to and actually start working on their homework, 'cause you wanna create an inviting space. You can also put little clips on this particular tray, which is really nice. Again, I picked up all of this for less than a dollar or five dollars even for the tray to create this organization station. So that was super easy. For any cluttered countertop and definitely something I use here in my studio at my Creativebug when building the set. I love these magnetic trays. And this you can get at the hardware store or at JOANN in like the quilting area. This is usually for pins, but it works for anything that's metal and magnetic. So we've got some fun clips, paperclips, even our little thumbtacks will stick to this. And you can see that there's like this magnetic base and then it's just a little dish. So this is an easy thing. I throw nails, screws, any kind of little metal bit that I'm afraid I'm gonna lose, I just throw it right into here and I love these. And I was gonna show you how to do a really cute little update to make some fancy paperclips. So if you are dreading organizing your receipts or you're getting prepped from tax season or something, maybe having some fun supplies is the way to go. So let me show you how to do this to any paperclip. Take about a yard of embroidery floss, I'm using this mercerized pearl cotton. It's twisted, so it's not gonna unravel. I'm just gonna keep folding it in half.

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And I think one more, yeah, that's gonna be good. So a little bit longer than you think you need, but I'm gonna do a particular way of tying it. So I've got all my loops, I'm gonna find the middle, put it through the top of your paperclip, and open this up, and then you wanna reach in and grab all those little threads. So hopefully you can see. Whoop, that guy got stuck. And you're gonna give it a nice tug. Make sure they all line up. I've got one little loose guy there, I'll trim him out. And then I just give this a trim. We'll take that one out. You can see, you have this cute little tassel paperclip. So you can even do this for a really nice gift. Like let's say you're giving a book as a gift, this would be a cute and easy little bookmark. This is fun just to kind of do a makeover for a few of your office supplies. You can also just do an overhand knot and you wind up with something a little more wild, like this, but that's really fun too. And I love using just the pearl cotton for that. You can use embroidery floss or even a ribbon would be really cute. So you could do a little DIY to your office space. Another thing to keep things organized, I know for myself, I don't have kids, I, of course, love to have a craft station, but I also have a really hard time like wrangling bills and things I need to keep for taxes and letters and invoices and all that stuff. So having a file system can be really nice. And for me it's not about like the permanent filing, it's about just that day to day, what do you do with all of your mail shuffle. So something like this can be really easy. Of course, you can pick this up at any local office supply. And I just picked some pretty folders. I feel like having pretty materials helps. And if you are doing a homework station I put here's scratch paper, things to sign, homework, and return to school. So these are ideas. And I actually use Magic Tape, so I can peel this away and switch up these categories. This is Scotch Magic Tape. And it peels off more easily if you do not have a perforated edge. If you guys saw my Roll With It you saw that you can write on, I also just cut my nails. (laughs) Let's find one, did I cut any of these? No, they're all perforated. Alright, we'll try this one again. If you saw my Roll With It campaign the Magic Tape is the one that you can write on with pencil or a pen and it's removable. So this makes it really easy for labeling things if you wanna reuse your file folders later. So I still get that bold look of the permanent marker, but if I use the Magic Tape then I can peel it off and change it out. Another thing that I picked up and I hadn't seen this before, of course, I use pegboard all the time, especially downstairs for all of my tools and stuff for doing the set, but this was a great little five dollar individual board. It already has finished edges and it came with a few different types of hardware and you can easily hang things like washi tape, embroidery floss, and scissors in this case. You can also clip your clips to it. Now if you don't have the space on the wall, like this is designed for the wall. It has these little bump outs, so you can hang it right on the wall. I actually just put mine in a plate stand, so I can still have it on my table, it's not taking up a flat amount of space, but if I don't have any wall space then this is a good solution. You wanna make sure that you have something that's heavy enough that it'll just hold the weight of your stand. Another thing that I've seen a lot of recently and I have some here too in the studio, these are a version of like an antique sugar mold. So they're made out of wood usually. This one is, I got at Target. And it has these openings. It's really lightweight and it's a great place to organize all of that clutter and give it a little bit more of a semblance and style. So of course, scissors, pencils, brushes, and my favorite highlighters. If you are doing a homework station and also teaching kids about time and time management I love this idea of creating a clock. So this is kind of, I just traced a bowl, it's a large clock that has like your basic quarters of time and then there are different divisions here for what you're going to be doing in the evening. So after school you come back and maybe there's a little bit of playtime, some homework, dinnertime, which is, of course, the most important time, a homework check, maybe 15 minutes. So that give your kid a little bit of responsibility to do their homework on their own, but then check in with them after dinner. And then, of course, the best part,

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which is story time. Everyone should incorporate a little bit of that. And you can, of course, customize this or make it to whatever suits your needs. Maybe you need to carve out a little bit of craft time for yourself. So if you are doing craft spaces or whatever your organizational needs are, I love mason jars for a lot of things. This would be a good substitute also in your tray if you don't have these little mesh containers. And I recently found these mason jars that have these really cute little patterned tops, which totally reminded me of Yao Cheng's watercolors. Maybe you can see those. They came in different sizes. It's a good way to upcycle to use your different glass jars from different food products, but you can also buy them clean. You could even decorate your own using washi tape. And if you wanna check out more ideas or you wanna see Yao's watercolors or how to do those you can use the code JOANN1 to get one month free of Creativebug. Faith will post that link. If you're already a Creativebug fan, we love you, thank you for joining us on our live shoots. Okay, a few more ideas. For craft space organization and this is something that I had in my washi tape book when it came out, is using actually a thread holder. You can do these wall mounted or this one has its own stand. And this is an excellent way to organize washi tape by color and play with organization. And of course, if you're doing something in a small craft space you can still use it as a thread hanger. You could also, of course, put like little tiny scissors or something on it also. It holds lots of different things. So this is an affordable, inexpensive, and easy way to clean up and organize your space and it's also pretty to look at. I like the wood ones. Another thing I saw that I was thrilled to see are these stitched rope baskets. This is also a class on Creativebug. These ones I bought commercially, so they're really fun. You could probably wash them, 'cause they're cotton. I love the different colors and if the small tray doesn't work for your organization, maybe you're working with a smaller kid that's not like cutting and coloring just yet, maybe they just have to learn how to sort and put away their books or maybe their toys, baskets like this work really nicely. You could put journals or coloring books into it or soft goods like toys, also things like yarn, or maybe your projects, these could be little project baskets. Do we have any questions? We're doing good. You guys are still with me. If you don't have a lot of space for these organizational things to sit on a desk you could go really simple and clean. This is just a clothes pin and I put a little note on it of things to sign. So this is easy for papers that go back to school, for your own mail, things like I said before, taxes, things you have to sign or respond to. So even just customizing some clothes pins, which are really affordable. I put washi tape, so that I could change it out, but you could also just draw right onto the wood. And this is a super easy way to organize and collect all of that paper stuff and all that shuffle that winds up on your desk. The last idea, this is also really simple, but if you're looking for things to be really clean and tidy you can get one of these kind of bathroom or closet organizers that fit an 8 1/2 by 11, and you could categorize each of these trays for whatever your needs are, and then just slip all the mail that needs to be addressed, or like I said, permission slips that need to be signed, things that need to go back to school. So this is super, super easy. You could pick this up for 10 or 12 dollars and then organize your entire life this evening or maybe just your desk. So yeah, those are my favorite tips for just starting to organize your space for back to school, like I said, maybe your craft space, or a kitchen corner. If you need more ideas for dorm organization or decoration and other back to school ideas you can check out our website, use that code JOANN1 if you are not a Creativebug subscriber. Faith will post the link. And I think we might have a question. - [Moderator] Yes, what's that wooden thing called? - This thing? The question is what is that wooden thing called. This is for thread, so it's like a thread storage keeper. I'm not sure about the official title, but you can find it at JOANN. I picked this one up at JOANN. And they come in different sizes, you could do really large ones and mount it on the wall. I like this one, because it's

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small and I can put it on the desk directly, 'cause it has a little stand. - [Moderator] And Phil says, he loves the jam jar idea. If you have a plastic animal toy you can stick it on top of the lid. - Thank you, Phil, for joining us as always. Phil's suggestion was if you have a plastic animal toy you could actually glue it to the top of this lid. That's a really fun adaptation to a simple jar. You could also spray paint it and make it all like very clean if you wanna do like a little gold animal or something on top of a gold lid. I love that idea. Super fun. Of course, you guys, you can always share your photos of your favorite craft space on Instagram, just tag us or hashtag Creativebug. We love to see what you're making and we'll see you on our next live shoot, which is on Thursday. We have an awesome lingerie designer, is it Madalynne Intimates? Is her official shop name. And she is in the studio this week making some amazing bralettes and other fun things, I'll tell you all about it on Thursday.

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