

Cheap Crafts: Tool Hacks Planner

Use this planner to swap everyday items for craft tools. Check ideas to try, then note your plan.

Quick Substitutes Checklist

Fork for stitch marks	Nail set for guide holes
Rubber mallet for snaps	Kitchen shears for felt/paper
Binder clips instead of pins	Craft knife + metal ruler
Painter tape seam guide	Cardboard mat for cutting
School chalk for marks	Glue stick for basting
Cards as seam gauges	Double stick tape for trims
Wooden spoon point turner	Foil under board for heat
Towel roll as tailor ham	Rolling pin to press seams

Optional Upgrades Shopping List

Item 1

Item 2

Item 3

Item 4

Item 5

Item 6

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Marking and Measuring

Chalk for hems and darts

Try on project

Fork or comb for spacing

Notes

Cards as seam gauges

Holding Layers

Binder clips on vinyl/leather

Try on project

Paper clips as tiny clamps

Notes

Pressing and Shaping

Wooden spoon point turner

Try on project

Towel roll as ham

Notes

Setting Hardware

Rubber mallet + board

Try on project

Nail set or thick needle

Notes

[Learn more: Awl, Rubber mallet, Binder clip, Masking tape](#)

Cutting, Adhesives, and Safety

Cutting on a Budget

Kitchen shears for felt/paper
Craft knife + metal ruler
Thick cardboard as cutting mat

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Adhesives and Basting

Painter tape to hold seams
School glue stick to baste
Double stick tape for trims

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Pressing Plan

Basic dry iron + press cloth
Foil under board for heat
Rolling pin for tiny seams

Notes

Safety Checklist

Work on a sturdy, flat surface
Keep blades sharp; replace often
Test hacks on scraps first
Tie back hair; close sleeves
Store sharps in a labeled tin

Upgrade Roadmap and Batch Plan

Invest Later

Sturdy fabric scissor
Rotary cutter and mat
Clear quilting ruler
Comfort seam ripper

Wait on These

Specialty pressing tools
One-use specialty rulers
Brand name clip sets

Batch Plan

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Step 6

Final notes

Free Planners: [Batch](#), [Closet Craft Studio](#), [DIY Recycled Crafts](#)