

# Maker Ed VISTAs' Guide to Unconventional Resources

Think out of the box when it comes to finding resources. The following are places where you can start looking:

- ⚙️ **Hobby Groups**
- ⚙️ **Senior Groups**
- ⚙️ **Yard Sales/ Garage Sales/ Estate Sales**
- ⚙️ **Going Out of Business Sales**
- ⚙️ **Local Colleges**
- ⚙️ **Creative Agencies & Design Firms**
- ⚙️ **Flea Markets/ Swapmeets**
- ⚙️ **Thrift Stores**
- ⚙️ **Tool Lending Libraries**

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## Resources in the Bay Area

Are you local to the Bay Area? These are some great places to get free or cheap resources:

- ⚙️ **Diablo Woodworkers**
- ⚙️ **East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**
- ⚙️ **Excess Access**
- ⚙️ **White Elephant Sale by OMCA**
- ⚙️ **Free Up Oakland**
- ⚙️ **Scrap SF**
- ⚙️ **Children's Creativity Museum**  
Free field trips for Title 1 Schools
- ⚙️ **Oakland Ed Fund**  
Provides grants and volunteers

## Resources Online

Freepik.com  
Download brochures, flyers, and graphics for free with designer credited

Goodwill Online  
Check your local Goodwill online store to bid on Legos, art & crafts, etc. by the pound

Hands On  
Get volunteers to help setup & maintain your makerspace or help with projects

Freecycle.com

## Resources in Los Angeles

Are you local to LA? These are some great places to get free or cheap resources:

- ⚙️ **FIDM Scholarship Store**  
They have fabric & accessories sale (in which all proceeds fund student scholarships)
- ⚙️ **Fabric/ Jewelry District**  
Left of San Julian and 9th St, you can usually find boxes or rolls of free fabric, accessories, and jewelry near to closing times. If not, the material is pretty inexpensive to purchase.
- ⚙️ **Habitat for Humanity Restore**  
You can find really paint, construction material and etc.
- ⚙️ **Trash for Teaching**  
A reuse & material educational store.

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