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Tools for Life: What's in My Utility Drawer?

If I call it a junk drawer, it's bound to fill up with just that...junk! A utility drawer, on the other hand, is stocked with tools and essentials that make my life easier every day.

I use [interlocking trays](#) to group similar items and keep things organized. Frequently used items like scissors, pens, and tape go in the front of the drawer for easy access, while less-used tools and fix-it items are stored toward the back or sides.

Since batteries are a literal moving target, I prefer to keep them in a dedicated [storage case](#).

Here's my tried-and-true list of essential supplies, organized by priority. I hope you find it both helpful and inspiring—and that, like mine, it becomes the most-used drawer in your home.

Everyday Essentials

- ☐ [Kelvin -36 Multi-Tool Set](#)
- ☐ [Mechanical Pencil w/Eraser](#)
- ☐ [Ink Pens](#)
- ☐ [Sharpies - fine, medium & wide tips](#)
- ☐ [Titanium All purpose scissors](#)
- ☐ [Sharp fine-tip scissors](#)
- ☐ [Tape Measure - 12 ft, nylon coated ¾" wide](#)
- ☐ [Retractable box cutter](#)
- ☐ [LED Flashlight](#)
- ☐ [Battery Tester](#)

Useful Tools and Fix-It Items

- ☐ [Multi-Tip Screwdriver](#)
- ☐ [Adjustable Wrench](#)
- ☐ [Mini Level Tool](#)
- ☐ [Painters Blue Tape](#)

- ☐ [Scotch Magic Tape](#)
 - ☐ [Double Sided Tape](#) or [Double-sided glue dots](#)
 - ☐ [Gorilla Glue Gel](#)
 - ☐ [All-In-One small hole repair applicator](#)
 - ☐ [Wood Colored Markers](#) and [Wood Colored Wax Sticks](#)
 - ☐ [Mounting Putty](#)
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Organization and Office Supplies

- ☐ [Post-It Flags](#)
 - ☐ [Paperclips](#)
 - ☐ [Mini Stapler](#) and [staple free stapler](#)
 - ☐ [Push Pins](#)
 - ☐ [Packing String](#)
 - ☐ [Rubber band Ball](#)
 - ☐ [Zip ties – reusable](#)
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Occasional Use Items

- ☐ [Lighter](#)
 - ☐ [Pre-Moistened Lens Wipes](#)
 - ☐ [Waterproof Band-Aids](#)
 - ☐ [Stain Remover Pen](#)
 - ☐ [Goo Gone Pen](#)
 - ☐ [Magnifying Glass](#)
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