

WorkshopTips™

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Hardware honeycomb

Looking for the right fastener will be like a bee going to nectar with this multi-pocket storage bucket. To make one, round up a plastic 5-gallon bucket (\$3 at a home center) and scrap plywood for partitions and floors. Use 3/4-in. plywood for the partitions and 1/4-in. plywood for the floors to match the bucket cutout dimensions shown.

Cut the bucket holes with a saber saw as shown, then saw the crisscrossing bottom partitions with slightly angled ends to fit snugly against the bucket sides. Saw notches halfway down the center of the partitions so they interlock. Next, cut the round floor to fit the bucket on top of the partition, then drop it in. Cut the next set of partitions, drop those in and then add the next floor. Create the egg carton partition to fit on top and screw or nail it to the upper floor. Then load your bucket. Our system is designed for miscellaneous screws and nails; feel free to try your own configuration to fit your needs.

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