

Kids' Artwork Keep/Curate Checklist

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Honor your kids' creativity without drowning in paper. Curate the best pieces, digitize the rest, and keep guilt-free memories.

Supplies

- Flat storage bin or portfolio case
- Digital scanner or phone scanning app
- Frames or display boards for rotating art
- Zip bags or folders by year/child
- Cloud storage or photo book service

Quick Rules

- Keep only the best or most meaningful pieces each month.
- Digitize everything else—photos work fine.
- Display a rotating gallery: swap monthly, store the rest.
- One bin or portfolio per child per school year.
- Involve kids in choosing what to keep—teaches ownership.

1) Gather & Sort (15–20 min)

- Collect all artwork from backpacks, counters, drawers.
- Sort quickly into: Keep, Digitize, Recycle.

2) Keepers Bin (10–15 min)

- Choose top 2–3 pieces per month to save physically.
- File into flat bin, portfolio, or folder labeled with child/year.

3) Digitize (15–20 min)

- Scan or photograph art with good light (phone app works).
- Save to cloud folder; tag by child and year.

4) Display & Rotate (10–15 min)

- Pick 3–4 favorites to frame or clip to a board.
- Rotate monthly; store replaced pieces in bin/digital folder.

5) Create Photo Books (optional)

- At year-end, compile digital scans into a photo book.
- Gift to grandparents or keep as annual keepsake.

6) Special Projects (optional)

- Turn art into cards, calendars, or gifts via print services.
- Laminate placemats or make a collage poster.

7) Label & Date (5–10 min)

- Write name/date on back before storing/digitizing.
- Note context (Grade, holiday, special memory).

8) Recycle & Let Go (5–10 min)

- Toss excess guilt-free; kids create endlessly.
- Teach that not every piece must be saved to value creativity.

9) Storage Area (10 min)

- Keep bins/portfolios in a dry, flat space.
- Stack by child/year for easy access later.

10) Reset & Repeat

- Do a mini-sort monthly; big sort quarterly or yearly.
- Set reminders around school breaks or year-end.