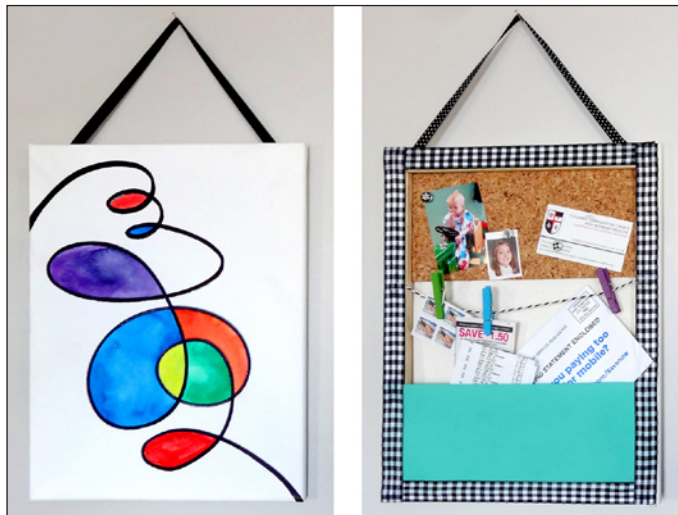# Crafty Organizer

Create a simple piece of art on a stretched canvas. Then, add a pocket and cork board to the back to make a hanging organizer.

You will need:

- [11" X 14" stretched canvas](#) (NOT canvas board)

- 12" square [cork board tile](#) (1/2" thick)

- Black permanent marker (large tip)

- Crayola markers (or other water-based markers)

- Small cup of water

- Paintbrush

- Card stock (color of choice)

- 12" baker's twine (or substitute with thin ribbon)

- 15" strand of thin ribbon (about 3/8" wide)

- 50" piece of wide ribbon (about 7/8" wide)

- Tacky glue

- Staple gun

- Scissors and utility knife

- Ruler

- Pushpins

- [2" mini clothespins](#)

Display a picture of a completed [Crafty Organizer](#) to attract people to this practical project.

Directions:

1. Draw a simple scribble with black marker on the front of the canvas.

2. Color in some of the scribbles using water-based markers. To get a watercolor effect, dip the tip of the markers in water before coloring the canvas. Allow the scribble art to dry for about 20 minutes.

3. Fold the card stock in half lengthwise. Turn the canvas over and attach the folded card stock to the bottom portion of the canvas. Use a staple gun to attach the paper to the stretcher strips or frame of the canvas.

4. Measure and cut a 9" X 4" piece of cork board using sharp scissors or a utility knife. Glue the cork to the top portion of the back of the canvas with tacky glue.
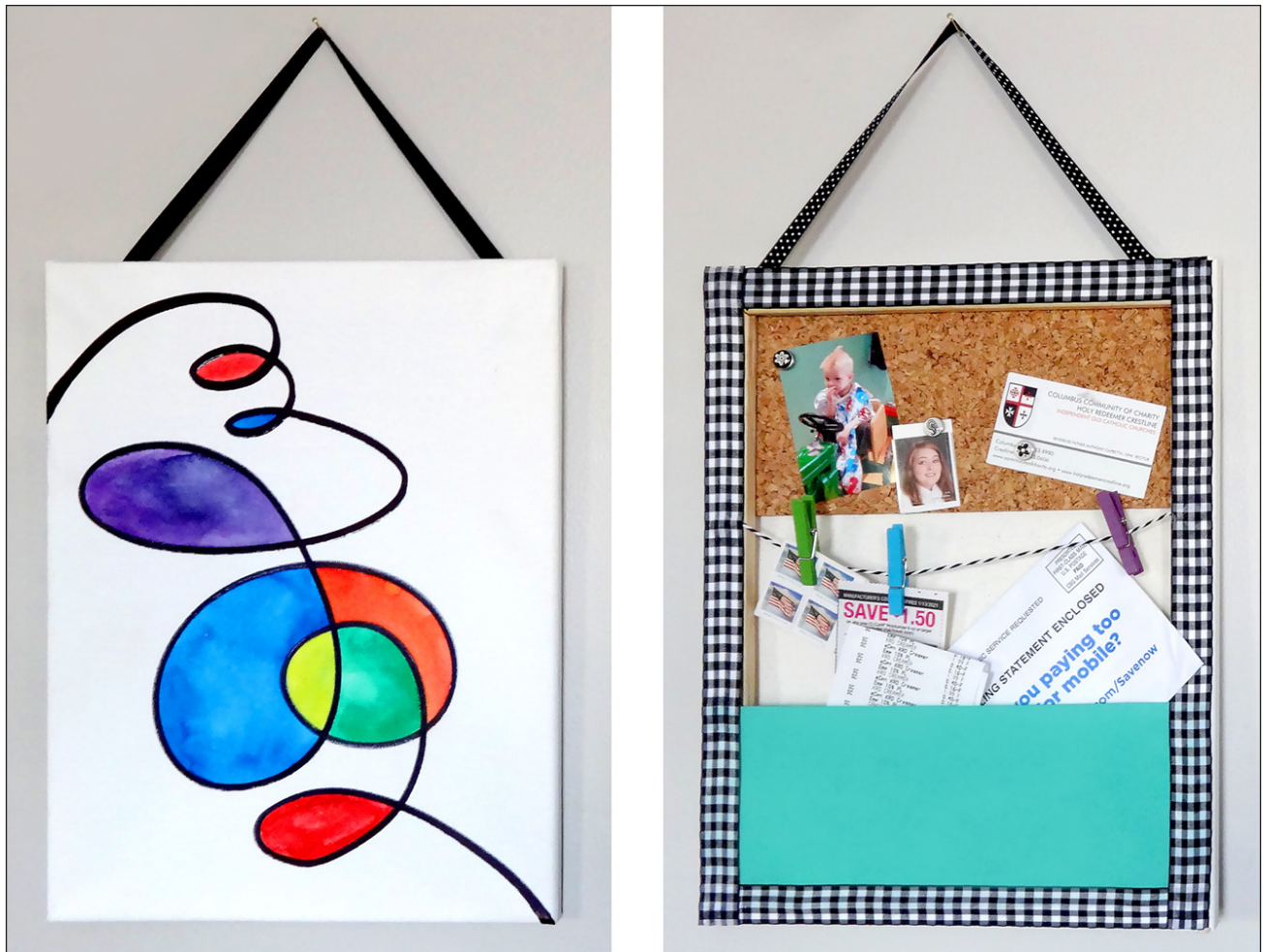
5. Staple the ends of the twine to the stretcher strips, positioning them just below the cork board.

6. Staple the ends of the thin ribbon to the top corners of the canvas for hanging.

7. Cut the wide ribbon into 4 strands: two 11" strands and two 14" strands. Glue the ribbon to the 4 stretcher strips. Use a paintbrush to spread a thin layer of glue evenly along one stretcher strip at a time. Allow the glue to dry for about 20 minutes.

8. Add some tacks to the cork board and mini clothespins to the twine. Hang your organizer where it will be most handy. And don't forget, you can turn it around and display the art on the other side, too!

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