

Buy handicraft materials at a good price

In this article, you'll find some tips to make sure shopping for craft supplies doesn't break your budget

Procure craft materials cheap

- **Look out for leftover materials!** Soapstone or leather, for example, are often much cheaper if the individual pieces are smaller (leftover materials). Prerequisite: it is sufficient for your purposes. Some materials, such as leather, you can then sometimes get completely free from companies that process such things.
- **Shun craft shops!** Craft shops and stationeries are often very expensive. Simple folding cards are in Switzerland, for example, in the normal retail (Migros, Coop, etc.) to get much cheaper.
- **Use the internet as a procurement option!** Provided you are willing to use typical internet payment options (e.g. Paypal), you can source your goods from virtually anywhere. For example, the author has already purchased freshwater pearls, pearl string and much more via Ebay Germany from China or Hong Kong. The shipping costs here are often very low, so that even this procurement route is often worthwhile.
- **Look around for larger needs in wholesale!** For this you often need a trade certificate, alternatively sometimes a proof is enough that you buy for club XY.
- **Use available resources!** You want to dye silk scarves? That used to be a huge hype a while back. I'm sure someone you know has some leftover dyes he/she doesn't need. Same goes for many other craft materials.
- **Search in other departments!** Often you can find craft supplies not only in the craft department. Partly, you can also find materials in other departments and can make something out of it. For a beaded necklace, for example, you can find cheap materials at the hobby supplies for fishermen.

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