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Drafting & Art Tables Buying Guide



Creating a comfortable working environment is a must for any architect or artist. Some of the most important items in any studio are the drafting tables. Just as there are many types of artists, there are more than a few styles of art tables. From architect desks to sketching tables, knowing the differences between the available options will help you find exactly what you want for your school studio or art classroom.

School Outfitters Tips



There are two main styles of drafting tables. Tilt-top tables allow you to adjust the workspace to a comfortable angle, while flat tabletops are great for large projects or group work.



Melamine and fiberresin tabletops are inexpensive and lightweight, while solid wood, safety glass and high-pressure laminate represent the most durable choices for classrooms.



Self-leveling glides ensure perfect stability for tables on all types of floors. Locking casters lend flexibility to art classrooms and creative studios.



Combining tables with storage and other extra options creates a more cohesive art studio.

Types of Drafting & Art Tables



Classroom Art Tables

Sturdy, flat and designed to withstand every kind of art project, classroom art tables are ideal for multiple students to work at once. Most often featuring wide tops, every student can be given plenty of space to sketch, paint, sculpt or do any other art activities.

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Glass Art Tables

Made with tempered glass for safety and durability, glass art tables are contemporary options for individual architects and students. The clear top lets you see any supplies stored underneath and allow for backlighting artwork or blueprints. With metal or wooden frames, glass art tables provide a beautiful and stylish touch to any artist's studio.

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Wood Drafting Tables

The majority of School Outfitters' drafting tables with wood tops feature solid hardwood construction. Solid hardwood uses complete boards, rather than particleboard and laminate, which makes for an incredibly stable and durable surface. Wooden art and drafting tables can give a natural, rustic or vintage look to any studio.

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Tilting Drafting Tables

Tables with a tilt-top allow students to adjust the angle of the surface to suit their own styles. These architectural drafting tables often have a split-top, where only a part of the table is adjustable. The second part of the art table remains flat, making it a good place for note taking or laptop work. Many tables adjust to multiple angles, so most anyone can find a comfortable position.

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Drafting Tables with Storage

Conveniently keeping books and supplies close at hand while sketching and learning is easy with drafting tables that feature storage. Built-in book compartments take up no additional space, while drawers protect supplies from spills and can prevent paper from wrinkling. Some tables include tote trays that can easily carry paints, brushes and other supplies between art tables.

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Adjustable-Height Drafting Tables

Adjustable-height drafting tables offer versatility to art students. Easily raise or lower the tabletop to allow students to stand, to match the height of your drafting stools or to accommodate students in wheelchairs. Most often designed with metal frames, these tables can be lightweight without sacrificing durability.

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Portable Drafting Tables

Portable drafting tables are ideal for artists and architects who enjoy practicing art in interesting rooms or even outdoors. With folding table legs or rolling casters, these tables can go almost anywhere. Most models also include storage options for all of the supplies art students may need while they work outside of the classroom.

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Drafting Computer Desks

Computer-aided design, or CAD, is more important to creators than ever. Drafting computer desks are perfect for architects and designers who need not only their sketching tools, but their computer nearby as well. These desks offer tons of practical features including CPU cabinets, keyboard trays, monitor holders and more.

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Chairs for Drafting Tables

Whether you prefer a simple metal stool or a seat with cushioned back support, drafting chairs are an essential part of any art studio. There are plenty of styles to choose from and most options offer useful add-ons such as height-adjusting levers and locking casters. With a wide selection available, finding a drafting chair compatible with art tables of various heights can be simple.

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Other Things to Consider



Print Storage

Keeping drawings and blueprints in pristine condition is a priority inbetween drafting sessions or once the work is completed. Safely organize your art on file racks, storing them flat or rolled until they're needed.

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Accessories

Expand functionality in any classroom or studio with helpful accessories. [Taborets](#) offer stacks of storage and often feature casters for convenient mobility. [Paper cutters](#) make it easy to distribute identical sheets of paper or work on paper crafts. [Desk lamps](#) can easily sit on top of art tables or clamp onto drafting desks to provide direct light over sketches and other artwork.

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