

# BEST {TEACHER-TESTED} CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

## A dream desk

1. Brushed nickel lamp, \$34.99, HomeSense
2. Large inlay box, \$17.25, chapters.indigo.ca
3. Magnetic storage tin, \$4.96, staples.ca
4. Super Sticky Removeable Label Roll, Post-it, \$6.99 staples.ca
5. Ruler with Microban, Westcott, \$1.49, acmeunited.ca
6. Coloured chalk, Crayola, \$1.39, crayola.com/educators
7. Sticky notes, \$5.99, HomeSense
8. Wite-Out Mini, correcting tape, Bic, \$3.99, staples.ca
9. Papermate Ink Joy Retractable ballpoint pens, Papermate, \$5.51 for 8, staples.ca
10. Silver box, \$7.99, HomeSense
11. Exercise book, Hilroy, \$1.17, grandandtoy.com
12. Flag highlighter, Post-it, \$8.96 for 3, staples.ca
13. Notepad, Martha Stewart, \$1.99, staples.ca
14. Mini NoteTabs, Avery, \$3.46 for 40, staples.ca
15. Adhesive flags, Post-it, \$10.30 for 150, staples.ca
16. Thermal ceramic mug, \$5.99, chapters.indigo.ca
17. Silver photo frame, \$18, chapters.indigo.ca
18. Stickers, \$5.15, staples.ca
19. Small inlay box, \$6.25, chapters.indigo.ca
20. Desktop drawer, Martha Stewart, \$16.99, staples.ca

# Supplies in demand

Need classroom products but don't have the budget? To help you make the best back-to-school purchases, we asked teachers to test dozens of supplies in their classrooms. Here's what they found worked best.

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*"It's handy having the flag right on the highlighting pen!"*  
— Amanda Miles-Berry, OCT,  
Pine Ridge Secondary School





1. Floral Fun border, Creative Teaching Press, \$5.99, [teachers.scholarschoice.ca](http://teachers.scholarschoice.ca)
2. Brush Tip Permanent Markers, Sharpie, \$14.39 for 12, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
3. Dots on Turquoise designer letters, Creative Teaching Press, \$10.99, [teachers.scholarschoice.ca](http://teachers.scholarschoice.ca)
4. Rulers with Microban, Westcott, \$1.49 each, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
5. Model Magic (2-lb resealable bucket), Crayola, \$24.99, [crayola.com/educators](http://crayola.com/educators)
6. Bookmark index cards, Oxford, \$2.96, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
7. Scissors caddy, Westcott, \$67.49 (includes 24 scissors), [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
8. Dots on Turquoise spot stickers, Creative Teaching Press, \$2.99, [teachers.scholarschoice.ca](http://teachers.scholarschoice.ca)
9. Splat! erasers, Westcott, \$2.79 for 3, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
10. Coloured pencils, Crayola, \$5.49 for 24, [crayola.com/educators](http://crayola.com/educators)
11. Washable SuperTips, markers, Crayola, \$5.99 for 20, [crayola.com/educators](http://crayola.com/educators)
12. Scissors, \$2.79, Westcott, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
13. Paint brushes, Acme, \$8.79, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
14. Washable paint, Crayola, \$3.99 each, [crayola.com/educators](http://crayola.com/educators)
15. Magnetic Mini Pockets, Learning Resources, \$12.99, set of 6, [teachers.scholarschoice.ca](http://teachers.scholarschoice.ca)
16. Washable watercolour paints, Crayola, \$4.49, [crayola.com/educators](http://crayola.com/educators)
17. Egg Ohs!, handwriting grips, Abilitations, \$7.99 for 3, [schoolspecialty.com](http://schoolspecialty.com)
18. Heavy-duty mounting tape, Scotch, \$6.83, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
19. Shaker-top glitter, School Smart, \$12.79 for 12, [schoolspecialty.com](http://schoolspecialty.com)

*"Loved the scissors and their comfortable grip. Loved the colours and the portability of the caddy."*  
 — Irene Dembek, OCT, Sudbury Catholic DSB





## Big-kid study tools

1. Five-piece dry erase geometry set, Westcott, \$82.49, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
2. Geometry set, Westcott, \$7.29, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
3. Multi-Purpose Brushes, Sax, \$21.99 for 7, [schoolspecialty.com](http://schoolspecialty.com)
4. Brite Liner Grip, highlighters, Bic, \$7.26 for 12, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
5. Travel mug, \$6.99, HomeSense
6. See-Through Sticky Notes, Avery, \$4.99 for 60, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
7. Construction paper, Hilroy, \$3.11, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
8. Pencil sharpener, Staedtler, \$3.29, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
9. Lined ultra notes, Post-it, \$14.10 for 3, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
10. PileSmart poly project sorter, PendaFlex, \$16.28, [grandandtoy.com](http://grandandtoy.com)

11. Original Magnetic Hooks, Learning Resources, \$14.99 for package of 5, [scholarschoice.ca](http://scholarschoice.ca)
12. On The Edge, refill paper, Hilroy, 125-page pack, \$3.29, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)
13. Splat! ruler with Microban, Westcott, \$4.00, [acmeunited.ca](http://acmeunited.ca)
14. Velocity Gel Retractable Rollerpens, Bic, \$6.25 for 4, [staples.ca](http://staples.ca)

*"The geometry set is very visible on the board!"*  
 — Mila Schueler, OCT, Pine Ridge Secondary School





## Wish list

We couldn't test all of these items, but teachers told us they'd love them

1. Cardboard storage box, Ikea, \$8.99, ikea.ca
2. Chalkboard labels, Martha Stewart \$5.99 for 12, staples.ca
3. Blue storage box, Ikea, \$8.99, ikea.ca
4. Clock, \$19.99, HomeSense

5. Martha Stewart ElastiNote Tags, \$3.99 for 12, staples.ca
6. Mounting tape, Scotch, \$4.31, staples.ca
7. Greener Page Markers, Post-it, \$4.86 for 200, staples.ca
8. Chalkboard eraser, Westcott, \$2.89, acmeunited.ca/westcott
9. Glass water bottle, \$7.99, HomeSense
10. Hardcover journal, Martha Stewart, \$12.99, staples.ca
11. File pocket, Martha Stewart, \$6.99, staples.ca
12. Personalized labels, Mabel's

- Labels, \$21, mabelslabels.com
13. iPad, Apple, from \$399, store.apple.com
14. Desk organizer, Ikea Kvissle, \$8.99, ikea.ca
15. Flag pen and highlighter, Post-it, \$7.29, staples.ca
16. Accordion file, Martha Stewart, \$15.99, staples.ca
17. Mosaic photo frame, \$24.50, chapters.indigo.ca
18. Velocity Mechanical Pencils, Bic, \$3.12 for 2, staples.ca
19. Thermal mug, \$12.99, HomeSense

*"Mabel's Labels stayed on while wet, frozen, hot and being tossed around. I'm thrilled with them and would buy many more! What a great teacher gift."*  
— Marianne Van Werde-Bailly, OCT, St. John Catholic School, Oakville



Organize that paperwork! Colourful cloth stacking boxes, \$4.99–\$5.99, HomeSense



Make your marking chair more comfortable. Zigzag pillow, \$19.99, HomeSense

## Nice to have



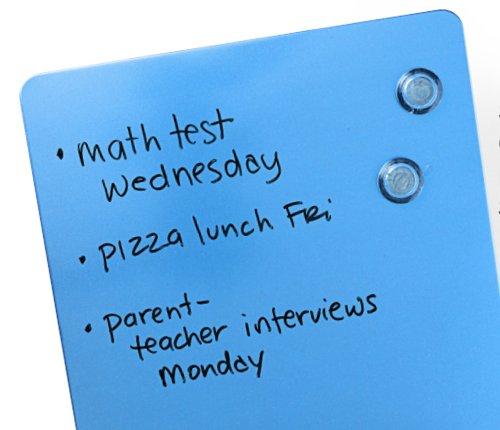
Personalize your desk. Pop-up note dispenser, Post-it, \$14.99, staples.ca



Add life to stacks of paper. Polka-dot binder clips, \$2.49, staples.ca



Try notes that get noticed. Snazzy sticky notes, Post-it, \$3.99, staples.ca



Stay on schedule. Quartet Magnetic Dry-erase board, \$13.39, staples.ca



Keep it together. Teacher carry-all, Reisenethel, \$40 (plus shipping from US), toucheurope.net

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