

A Storage Tower

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It is always a problem as to where to put various paints and finish cans for easy viewing and easy access. I solved my problem by using a 12" lazy-susan, throw away electrical reels, (ask at Lowes or Home Depot) a piece of 2" plastic pipe or a wooden closet rod, several dowel pins, glue and a few scraps of lumber. (I chose to use a 1 1/2" wooden closet rod because I had one.) I fitted the closet rod into the reel hole and glued little pieces of scrap lumber around the top and bottom holes to make it a snug fit. This is important, as it will ensure that the upright rod stays in place. I then

mounted the largest reel securely onto the lazy-susan – (Note - Different sized pipe may be used as long as it will fit the various reel holes.) Glue the top and bottom reel holes with scrap the same way for the rest of the reels you will be utilizing before assembling. Decide how high the second and succeeding reels need to be for your storage needs and drill holes for the pins to support them. (I used 3/8" wooden pins.) Mound the reels accordingly. Each reel should be able to be turned separately. Voila – you have a paint storage tower that will revolve, displaying all your different paint spray cans and other finishing products for easy access, saves a lot of space and will sit on the corner of your work bench. Balance the load. Note - I also keep the Raid can on one shelf, handy for pesky visitors.