

# Tool Areas

The makerspace is organized into separate tool or interest areas. Each area has a focus on a specific area of expertise, and has tools, equipment, or resources associated with it. Every tool area has at least one area lead, and possibly tool champions and trainers.

To find more information about a tool area, look for its wiki page.

## How to create a new tool area

Any members interested in starting a new tool/interest area must bring to the board a proposal of no more than two pages that includes:

- The names of at least 5 members interested in it, and at least 2 members willing to be area leads
- Where the tools will come from
- How much money and space (if any) will be needed to start the area
- How members will be trained to use the tools and by whom
- What will and will not be allowed in that area (for safety and liability reasons)

The board will then discuss and vote on whether the area should be created. If the board vote passes, then the proposal will go to the membership for their vote.

If the membership approves it, then the members may proceed with setting up the new area according to their proposal.

## Abandoned tool areas

If a tool area has no area leads for at least 6 months, and attempts to recruit new area leads have been unsuccessful, the board may dissolve the tool area by majority vote in two successive board meetings.

If the board successfully votes to dissolve the tool area, the space for that tool area will be reallocated and its tools and equipment will get redistributed to other areas. Any remaining tools or equipment will then be listed on Craigslist and FB Marketplace.

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