

Functional first, then have fun decorating!

- Supply setup, distribution, and organization.**

How will you hand out shared supplies that are used often? (Crayons, markers, sharpies, etc.) For instance, if students sit at a table group, perhaps each table will have a shared bin or caddy of crayons, etc.

How will you store them for ease of use/handout and locating? Where will you place items for borrowing? (When a student needs an eraser or to borrow a pencil.)
- Have a dedicated space for storing projects organized by classroom teacher and grade so you can easily find artwork.**

Folders, storage bins, or simple cabinets from Amazon are easy!
- Important furniture setup.**

Plan your desk space so that you have the best view of the whole room. See where you want to place things like drying racks, project storage, early finisher activities, calm down corners, etc.
- Things to think of when you arrange student seating.**

Do all students have a clear view of the board or projector screen, or the spot where demonstrations will most often take place?

Is the room easy to move around for myself, students who may have crutches, and fire drills?

Will supplies be easy to distribute and clean up in this setup?

Once your seating arrangement is set:

Label your seating. (This will help students find their spot each visit, and it's easier to call on them for helper jobs, clean up, line up.)

A sign above the table, writing in sharpie on the table, etc.

What will your seating be called? (Table 1, table 2. Famous artist names. Famous art movements?)

MAKE SEATING CHARTS! It will help with classroom management, sets an expectation, and will help you to learn student names.

It's also great when you have a substitute teacher.

You can even place your seating charts in your schedule order and write the times you have each class on them so they additionally help to remind you of your order and timing.

Decorating!

Let your classroom decorations inspire but also serve as helpful teaching aides and references!

Key items to think about for display & use in teaching:

Elements of art

Color wheel

Principles of design

Art timeline

In many states, administrators may look to see if you have state or national standards on display.

Bonus: Think about where you'll display your rules/expectations and classroom management so all students can easily spot them.