

Conservator Hack for May 29, 2019
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“The Pool Noodles Are Back!”



Pool noodles are similar to Ethafoam and are made of closed-cell polyethylene, which is safe for use in museums. Most pool noodles are smooth and hollow and have a multitude of uses for exhibit and storage.

They can be covered with a length of stretchy cotton ElastiTube for a more finished look. They can be found in dollar stores but only during the summer so stock up while you can! Below are some of the possible uses for pool noodles.

- Padded hangers
- Support for folds in large textiles
- Jointed support for sleeves
- Centre support for rolled small textiles (e.g. doilies, tablecloths)
- Protective bumpers for sharp edges of machinery
- Dividers for stacked furniture
- Protective sleeves for walking canes

If you can find another use, send me a picture.

The person who comes up with the most creative use of pool noodles will win a box of Morden’s Russian Mints.

The winner will be announced at the 2019 AMM conference.