


Conservator Hack for April 9, 2019

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I recently attended the last day of the ReOrg conference organized by the Canadian Conservation Institute and hosted by the Manitoba Museum. I couldn't help but be affected by the energy of the participants who had spent the past few days reorganizing two of the Museum's storage rooms. I left wishing that I could invite everyone over to help reorganize my home office/studio, now very full after I gave up my downtown studio last summer. I really need rolled storage, so I channelled my inner Re-Org and went in search of solutions. This is what I found.

If you have money and space, a cloth unwinding truck is a good option.

If you want to spend a bit less money but still have the space, ULINE sells Reel Racks that are up to 48" wide:



REEL RACKS
Store and dispense wire, rope and tubing with adjustable rack.

- 6 levels vertically adjust in 1 1/2" increments to customize storage.
- Each level can hold up to 3 axles.
- Includes six 5/8" diameter axles.
- 14-gauge powder-coated steel construction.

MODEL NO.	DIMENSIONS W x D x H	CAPACITY (LBS.)		PRICE EACH		WT. (LBS.)	ADD TO CART
		AXLE	UNIT	1	2+		
H-7841	36 x 24 x 84"	150	2,000	\$323	\$310	84	<input type="checkbox"/> ADD
H-7842	48 x 24 x 84"			361	348	93	<input type="checkbox"/> ADD

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For limited budgets and limited space, I came across metal gridwall panels that are sold by ULINE ([ULINE gridwall](#)) and our own local WR Display ([WR Display Gridwall](#)). The ULINE panels are 2 ft. wide the WR Display panels are 1 ft. wide, both with a 3" square grid. My intention is to attach a panel to each end of an open wooden shelving unit and use the grid to support the wood or metal rod in the centre of a roll of Mylar or a rolled textile.

For lighter rolls, I may try using the metal bases to make a dedicated double-sided rolled storage unit.

Let me know if you have any rolled storage solutions of your own, or if these ideas work for you!

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